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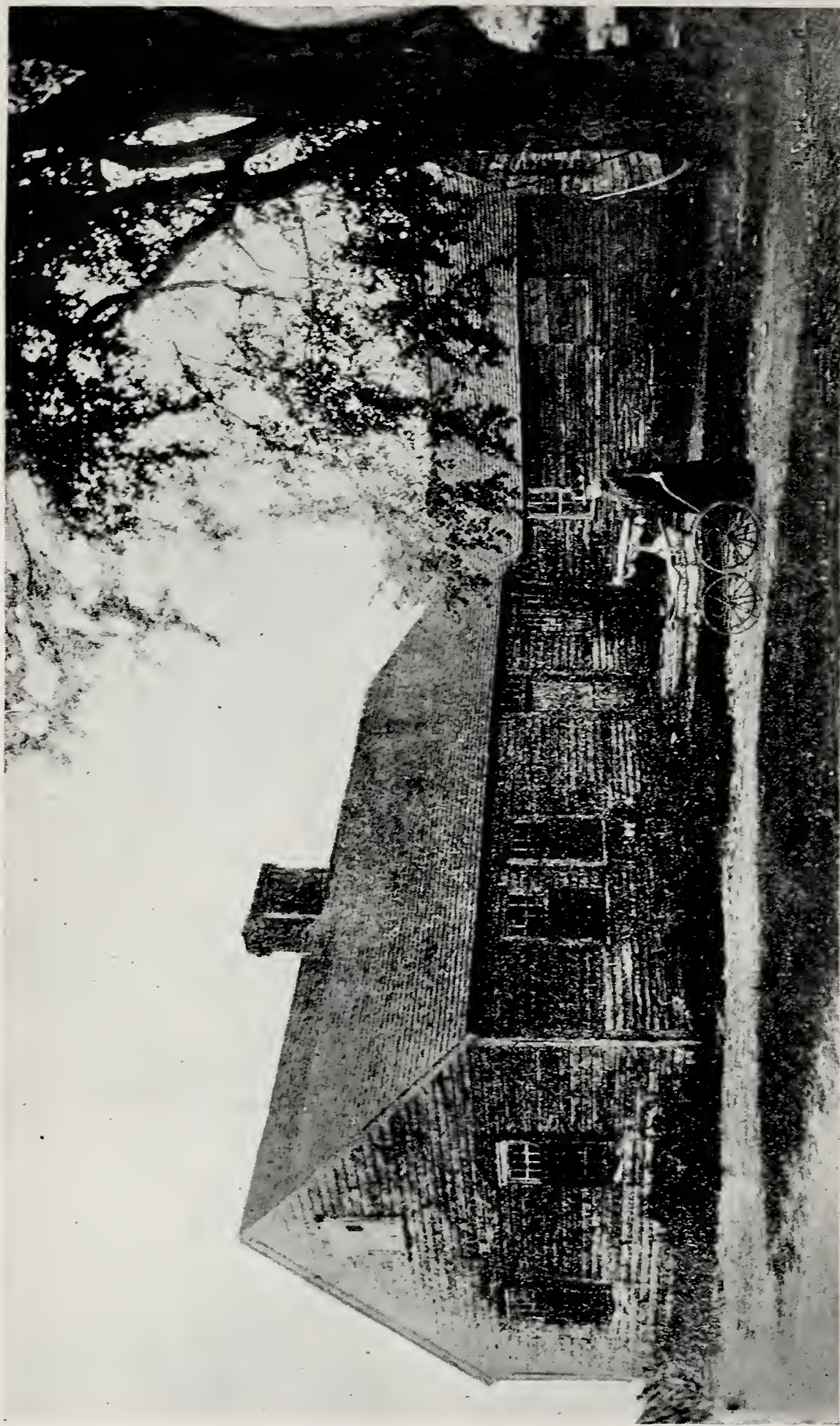






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HOME IN ATTLEBORO, AT PLEASANT STREET AND PIKE AVENUE, SAID TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY EMERSON
AND LYDIA BRIGGS BEFORE MAKING THEIR HOME IN NORTON

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FOREWORD

THE basis of this small volume was founded some years ago when Miss Helen Cooper, of Attleboro, Mass., gathered in and typed off briefly what records she was able to secure from the members of the Briggs Family Association.

A year ago the compiler was approached by Walter A. Briggs, Esq., of Attleboro, in behalf of the said Association, and asked to compile a genealogy comprising the *descendants* of Emerson and Lydia (Richardson) Briggs.

It seems fitting at this time to also include a short account of the *paternal ancestry* of Emerson Briggs, and this will be found in the Introduction. Also in the Appendix will be found some brief notes on the *paternal ancestry* of Lydia Richardson, wife of Emerson Briggs.

The compiler is very grateful for the interest and help of Walter A. Briggs, to whom indeed all the members of the Association owe a debt of gratitude for his determination that this work should be compiled and published. Credit and appreciation should also go to the heirs-at-law of Susie B. Coddington, widow of Erastus B. Coddington, who contributed generously to the cost of the work prior to publication. Unstinted thanks is due Ralph E. Parmenter for assuming the financial obligation of publication. Other cousins made their contributions both in work and in money, and to them appreciation is acknowledged.

So that the readers may better understand the words "Attleborough" and "Attleboro," it should be made known that prior to 1888 the lands comprising those which are now the Town of North Attleborough and the City of Attleboro, were the Town of Attleborough. In the year 1888, the State Legislature established two municipalities designated as North Attleborough and Attleborough. In 1914, the Town of Attleboro was incorporated as the City of Attleboro.

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The genealogical and historical records in the following pages were prepared and completed by Miss Holman in 1931, and publication of the work undertaken and completed in 1935.

BRIGGS LINEAGE

WILLIAM BRIGGS

SARAH MACOMBER

WILLIAM BRIGGS

MEHETABLE BLAKE

SETH BRIGGS

HANNAH WHITTAKER

JACOB BRIGGS

ESTHER SKINNER

EMERSON BRIGGS

INTRODUCTION

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IN ORDER to obtain a complete and comprehensive account of Emerson Briggs, it was necessary to search the original records of his paternal line, so that statements made herein as to his ancestry and certain achievements of his fathers could be proved. For this reason it was deemed reasonable to examine certain original and printed records and, as the notes were all at hand, to present them briefly herein.

This Introduction, then, deals with brief notes as to Emerson's great-great-grandfather, great-grandfather, grandfather, and father; that is, William Briggs of Taunton; William Briggs, Jr., of Taunton; Seth Briggs of Taunton, Attleboro and Mansfield; and Jacob Briggs of Attleboro, Norton and Mansfield.

If further investigation should ever be made on these four men the compiler suggests that full abstracts of certain important deeds would be valuable, and that the records of the Superior Court of Judicature, the Archives of the Commonwealth, and the eighty-odd volumes of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register should be consulted, as well as certain other manuscript and printed sources.

In about two years time the vital records of both Attleboro and Mansfield will have been compiled and published by the Essex Institute, and doubtless further data will be contained in these books about the entire line, as these books will not only contain the records of births, marriages, marriage intentions, and deaths, but also records from graveyards, church records, old Bible records and so on. Both Taunton and Norton have already been published.

It is possible that the Plymouth Colony Records prior to 1685 may contain further material about the immigrant, William Briggs.

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WILLIAM BRIGGS of Taunton, Bristol County, Mass., probably born in England, in 1645, died in Taunton, as William Briggs the first, 3 Jan. 1728, aged eighty-three years. He married there, 6 Nov. 1666, SARAH MACOMBER of Marshfield, probably born about 1643, died in Taunton, 20 Mar. 1680, doubtless the daughter of William and Ursula (——) Macomber of Marshfield. It is possible that after her death, William Briggs remarried.

Some confusion has arisen about this William Briggs and this rendered an examination of the land records and other original sources necessary. There were in Taunton three of the name all contempo-

raries. There was William Briggs the cooper, who died in Taunton, testate, 21 Apr. 1725, aged sixty-two, and was that William, son of Richard, born there, 21 Apr. 1663. He married 13 July 1687 in that town, Constant Lincoln, and in his will dated 19 Apr. 1725, proved 15 June 1725, calls himself: "William Briggs of Taunton . . . Cooper son of Richard Briggs late of Taunton Deceased," and mentions his beloved wife Elisabeth [a second wife],* youngest son Noah, daughter Elisabeth, and two eldest sons, William and Isaac Briggs. (*Bristol County Probate*.) In his deeds he is called cooper, or "son of Richard Briggs," sometimes both. (*Bristol Deeds*, 5: 248; 9: 549; 11: 288, 419, 534; 8: 239; 19: 95, 395, 507; 8: 50.) Then there was William Briggs, Jr., son of our William, whose account will follow later; and the third William, was founder of this particular Briggs family, who was known in the records as "the first," or "Eldest," or "Grand Sen^r," whose account we are now presenting.

Prior to 1685, when Bristol County was set off from the Plymouth Colony, the land records of that section were included in the deeds of Plymouth Colony and should be consulted for land transactions of our William Briggs. After 1685 the land records are filed at Taunton. Taunton, county seat of Bristol, early known as Cohannett was established in 1639. Unfortunately the records of this town prior to 1804, were burned in 1838. Some of the vital records are included in the Proprietors Records† between 1660 and 1700. Fortunately these last records were not burned. But in consulting any of these records we must carefully distinguish between these three Williams. As they grew older, William born 1645 became grand senior, William born 1663 became senior, and William born 1667, became junior.

In the first Military Company of Taunton, roster of 8 Apr. 1682, we note the names of William Briggs, and William Briggs, Jr. [son of Richard]. In the roll of 1700 we note the names of "Wm. Briggs Grand Senior, Wm. Briggs sen., and William Briggs Jr."

William Briggs has only one land transaction of record in Bristol:

19 Jan. 1705, "William Briggs the Eldest Called William Briggs Grand sen^r of Taunton" for £50 conveys to "William Briggs Jun^r (the son of the abovesaid William Briggs Grand Sen^r" twenty acres in Taunton by Three Mile River with a dwelling house thereon. Signs. Wit: Samuel Haskins, Samuel Haskins, Jr., and mark of Merrey Haskins. (*Bristol Deeds*, 4: 512.)

It is possible that a grant of land laid out by the town in 1711 to "William Briggs, Sr.," refers to our William. (*Proprietors Records*.) [Some notes from these records were presented at one of the Briggs Reunions, but it would be necessary for the compiler of this account to

* Elisabeth Briggs, widow of William the Cooper, died 27 Nov. 1729, aged fifty-eight years, in Taunton.

† The *Proprietors Records* should be consulted. See 1: 83, 77, 87, 268; 3: 125, 194; 4: 242; 5: 177; 8: 169.

personally search and make notes of these records before they could be used.]

William Briggs, Grand Senior, left no will, and there is no recorded settlement of his estate in the Bristol Probate Records. It is probable that his eldest son, William, succeeded to the estate, but he also died only three years after his father.

Children born in Taunton:

- i. WILLIAM², b. 25 Jan. 1667; m. ELIZABETH LINCOLN and MEHETABLE BLAKE.
- ii. SARAH, b. 10 Sept. 1669.
- iii. THOMAS (twin), b. 9 (*sic.*) Sept. 1669.
- iv. HANNAH, b. 4 Nov. 1672.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. 14 Mar. 1674 (1771 states printed record, an error).
- vi. ———, b. about 1676.
- vii. ———, b. about 1678.
- viii. JOHN, b. 19 Mar. 1680.

(It has been stated that he had eight children. Children were generally born about every two years.—W. L. H.)

WILLIAM MACOMBER of Duxbury and Marshfield, Barnstable County, Mass., died in the latter town before 27 May 1670. His widow URSULA ——— was living in 1675.

He was of Dorchester first, and 2 Apr. 1638, William Macomber, cooper, of that town, in company with Henry Modely of the same, carpenter, had liberty to dwell at Plymouth. In 1643 he had removed from Plymouth to Duxbury, and later was of Marshfield, where he appears in a list of those able to bear arms that year.

30 Oct. 1654, "John Rogers . . . of Duxburrow . . . weaver doth acknowledge that for . . . twelve pounds . . . paied by William Maycomber . . . of Marshfield . . . Cooper . . . doth sell . . . land lying att the North River in . . . Marshfield." (*Copied Plymouth Colony Deeds*, 2: 78.)

22 Aug. 1670, Whereas "John Rogers sen^r of Duxburrow" in 1654 "did sell unto William Macumber of Marshfield" certain land near the North River in Marshfield, and it now appearing that the "sd William Macumber never had the sd lands Confirmed unto him by me . . . by Sufficient & leagall evidence . . . unto the time of his Decease" the said Rogers now confirms the same. (*Ibid.*, 2: 79.)

1 Aug. 1654, "Captaine Myles Standish and M^r John Alden were deputed by the court to; determine of certaine bounds of Marsh in controversye . . . do make devision of the same . . . between Morish Truants and William Maycombers." Signed Richard Garrett. (*Ibid.*, 2: 72.)

The following deed belongs to the son: 18 May 1665, "Jacob Cooke of New Plymouth . . . husbandman . . . for . . . fifteen pounds . . . payed by William Macomber the sonne of William Macomber of Marshfield . . . sell . . . unto the said William Macomber the younger . . . land . . . within . . . Dartmouth." (*Ibid.*, 3: 405.)

In 1660, the will of John Rogers of Marshfield was witnessed by William Macomber.

The inventory of "William Macomber of Marshfield Deceased" was taken 27 May 1670 by Thomas King, William Ford, Sr., and Mark Eames, and exhibited to the Court at Plymouth, 7 June 1670, "on the oathes of Ursilla Maycomber Thomas Maycomber and Mathew Maycomber," no real estate mentioned. From Plymouth Colony Probate. (*The Mayflower Descendant*, 18: 187.)

From the Plymouth Colony Records we note that "Nicholas White Jun^r: married to Ursilla Maycomber of Marshfeild the 9th of December 1673 Nicholas White the son of Nicholas White Borne the 25th of October 1676." (*Ibid.*, 21: 61.)

Probable list of children, born in Marshfield:

- i. SARAH², b. about 1643, m. 6 Nov. 1666, Taunton, she being of Marshfield, WILLIAM BRIGGS of Marshfield.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. about 1645, aged 20 in 1665.
- iii. HANNAH, b. about 1647; m. 1672, JOSEPH RANDALL of Scituate.
- iv. THOMAS, b. 3 Feb. 1649; m. 1676, SARAH CROOKER (CROCKER?).
- v. MATHEW, b. about 1651, ae. about 25 in 1675, according to his will:
This 8th of december 1675 Taunton in New Plymouth Collonie I Mathew Maycomber the son of William Macomber deceased being twenty five years of age or thereabouts being of pfect understanding and memory blessed be God for it, doe make this my Last will and Testament; I Give and bequeath all my whole estate To my loveing Brother John Macomber to be my heir and faithfull executive To pay all my Legacyes; I Give and bequeath ten shillings to my brother Thomas Macomber; I Give and bequeath ten shillings To my brother William Macomber I Give and bequeath ten shillings a peace To all my sisters, and alsoe I will my abovesaid executor to take all that is due to mee from all men; and to pay all debts from mee;

Witness my hand;

Mathew Maycomber

In the p^rsence of
ye Witnesses
Joseph Wilbore
John Maycomber jun^r

A Postscript to this Will—This Will to stand in power if I the said Mathew Macomber should be taken away by Gods Providence; and soe should not Returne from the Indian Warr I mean if I should be taken away by death

Joseph Wilbore tooke his oath this first day of March 1676/77 That this above written was the last Will and Testament of the abovesaid Mathew Macomber soe far as hee knew—this was taken before mee Constant Southworth Assistant this first of March 1676/77

John Macomber made oath to this will att the court held att
Plymouth the 7th of March 1676

Attested

Nathaniel Morton

Secretary

(*Plymouth Colony Records*, 3: 58.)

vi. URSULA, b. about 1653; m. 1673, NICHOLAS WHITE of Taunton.

vii. JOHN, b. about 1655.

WILLIAM² BRIGGS, JR. (*William, Grand Senior*¹), born in Taunton, Bristol County, Mass., 25 Jan. 1667, died there, 20 Feb. 1731, aged sixty-three years. He married first, in Taunton, 13 Oct. 1693, ELIZABETH LINCOLN, who died before June 1696, her identity not ascertained.* He married secondly, in Milton, marriage recorded in Taunton, 16 June 1696, MEHETABLE BLAKE of Milton, born in 1671, died in Taunton, 17 Oct. 1732, aged sixty-one years, her identity not ascertained.* Both William and his second wife are buried in the Oakland Cemetery in Taunton.

Very brief notes on his land records follow:

22 Feb. 1688-89, Aaron Knap of Freetown sells to William Briggs, Jr., of Taunton, eighteen acres in Taunton. Signs by mark. Wit.: Isaac Negus, John Macomber Junr. Recorded in 1749. (*Bristol Deeds*, 37: 153.)

11 Feb. 1692, Peter Walker husbandman of Taunton for £24 sells to William Briggs, son of Wm. Briggs Grand sen^r of same, land there on Three Mile River. Wife Hannah Walker releases her rights. He signs; she makes her mark. Wit.: Seth Phillips, John Pollerd. Recorded 1705. (*Ibid.*, 4: 511.)

23 Feb. 1699, Richard Stevens of Taunton for £6 sells to "William Briggs Jun^r of sd Taunton the son of William Briggs Grand sen^r so called" land there on the west side of Three Mile River. Wife Mary Stevens releases her rights; he signs, she marks. wit.: Samuel Danforth, Esther Hodges. (*Ibid.*, 4: 88.) Recorded 1705.

3 July 1700, John Smith, Sr., of Taunton sells to William Briggs of same, son of Wm. Briggs Grand Senior of same, land there. Signs. Recorded 1751. (*Ibid.*, 38: 200.)

21 Apr. 1701, Samuel Danforth of Taunton, Clerk [i.e., minister], for £6 sells to "William Briggs Junior of s^d Taunton (the son of William Briggs Grand sen^r)" eight acres there. Signs. Wit.: Henry Hodges, hanah Glad-
ing, recorded late. (*Ibid.*, 19: 507.)

22 Dec. 1702, Benjamin Leonard of Taunton conveys to "William Briggs jun^r (son of William Briggs Grand Senior)" and to Thomas Briggs his brother, one half part of sixth lot in Taunton in a cedar swamp etc. Recorded 1730. (*Ibid.*, 20: 30.)

We have seen that 19 Jan. 1705, he purchased twenty acres and a dwelling house (probably the home farm) on Three Mile River in Taunton of his father. (*Ibid.*, 4: 512.) That same year, Samuel Stacey and John Stacey both of Taunton and "sons of Richard Stacey of s^d Taunton Deceased" for £13-5s.

* The Compiler did not do any research on their identities.

sold a tract of twenty acres there to "William Briggs Jun^r of s^d Taunton (son of William Briggs Grand Sen^r of s^d Taunton)." Signed by mark. Wit.: mark of Thomas Samson grand sen^r, and John Edy. Recorded 1711-12. (*Ibid.*, 7: 171.)

10 Dec. 1705, John Crossman of Taunton for £16 sold to "william Briggs Jun^r (son of william Briggs Grand sen^r" and to Samuel Haskins Jun^r forty acres there on Three Mile River, signs, wit.: Samuel Danforth, mark of Jonathan Harley. Recorded 1711. (*Ibid.*, 7: 108³/₄.)

There was a controversy between Thomas Harley Grand sen^r of Taunton and William Briggs Jun^r and Nathaniel Lincoln both of same concerning land there, this was long drawn out, and finally settled 14 Apr. 1712. (*Ibid.*, 8: 167.)

11 Mar. 1715-16, Edmund Andrews of Taunton sells land there in the North Purchase for £100 to William Briggs Jun^r of same. Wife Esther releases her dower rights. The Haskins witness. Recorded 1724-25. (*Ibid.*, 16: 18.)

[A deed in 17: 281 I did not see as the book was not available at the time having gone to the Binders.]

5 Jan. 1716, William Briggs Jun^r of Taunton purchased part of the Bradford Grant for £4 from Samuel Danforth. (*Ibid.*, 10: 341.)

According to some notes read at a Briggs Reunion: 1 Dec. 1702, the town granted land to William Briggs, Jr., being forty-eight acres, being eighteen acres that he had bought of Aaron Knapp, four bought of Mr. Danforth, and the rest his own right. In 1703, he had five acres laid out to him, bounded by land purchased of Richard Stevens; he is also called Jr. in this grant. Again in Norton he had another grant on 22 Mar. 1716-17, which mentions his father's home lot, etc. (*Taunton Proprietors Records.*)

William Briggs died soon after his father the "Grand Senior," but left no will. An administration was taken on his estate by the eldest son:

"Nathaniel Briggs of Taunton & Thomas Briggs of Rehoboth husbandmen & Nathaniel Bosworth of Bristol Cooper" appear on a bond dated 16 Mar. 1730-31, which cited that "Nathaniel Briggs Administrator to the Estate of his father William Briggs Late of Taunton Deceased" had as his bondsmen or sureties the above Thomas Briggs and Nathaniel Bosworth. Thomas made his mark, the rest signed the bond.

Besides the above bond, the original papers also contain the appointment of the appraisers, the inventory (a verbatim copy enclosed, as it lists all his land), and a release signed by the autograph of "Seth briggs," this reads:

"To the Hounourabell Nathaniel Blagdone Esqr Judg of Probate For the County of Bristol these are to Insure your honer that I give my Consent that my Eldest Brother Nathaniel Briggs my take Letters of Administration upon the Estate of my honred father William Briggs of Taunton Late deceased as witnes my hand this 13th day of March 1730/31 Seth briggs" Wit.: George Leonard.

Seth briggs

(*Bristol Probate.*)



HOME OF EMERSON AND LYDIA RICHARDSON BRIGGS IN NORTON, EASTERLY OF WADING RIVER

The following is a copy of the original inventory in the estate of William Briggs, Jr., 1731, as sent the compiler by the registrar of probate of the County of Bristol:

A true Inventory of all and singuler the Goods Creditts and Chattles of Mr William Briggs Late of Taunton Deceased who Died Intestate viz all the Estate that was shewed to us to Apprise: by his Administer on the 23d of March 1731 and since as followeth

Imprimis	To His Appariel thee pounds nineteen shillings and six pence	03 19 06
Item	His Books two pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence	02 14 09
Item	To his Armes one pound and ten shillings	01 10 00
Item	To three Beeds beedsteads and Coards and Beedings	11 14 06
Item	To Brass veaseles three pounds and twelve shillings	03 12 00
Item	To puter veasles three pounds seven shillings and nine pence	03 07 09
Item	To Glass Earthen and tinn veaseles Sixteen shillings	00 16 00
Item	To his Iron Ware as potts and Kittles tramiles and tonges and fire sheovell two pounds five shillings	02 05 00
Item	To one pare of silver shew Bockles	01 08 00
	To Money scales three shillings	00 03 00
Item	To a peace of New Cloth and some small Linigs	00 08 06
Item	To Mohare flax wolen yearn Cotten yearn and Tow yearn	01 04 10
Item	To a pare of spectkeles and Raser and Candlestick and Brass Candle stick nine shillings	00 09 00
Item	To Tables three Chests a pare of stilleards and a flax Combe two pounds and seventeen shillings	02 17 00
Item	To Eight Cheairs trayses and Dishes and Tubs	02 18 00
Item	To shewmakers tules and Leather one pound and ten pence	01 00 10
Item	To one Cart and wheales Chaine and two ox yokes with their Irons and Cops and pin at Nine pounds and fourteen shillings	09 14 00
Item	To Two saddles and one bridle Male pillion and a pillion and Cloth	03 01 00
Item	To two spinning Wheales a Clock Reale and a meale bage at	00 15 00
Item	To his husbandrey tules as oxes and howes and Drawing knife	01 08 00
Item	To three Augers Box Iron and heaters two sises and tackling and two Nepmug stones and a Chisill and other small things	01 10 10
Item	To a horse plow and other plow Irons	01 07 00
Item	To a Cross Cut saw hand saw Cart hops and Rung pins and Ringe one pound seventeen shillings and ten pence	01 17 10
Item	To harrow teth two sikles and abettle and one wedge	00 12 06
Item	To Drie Casks and other Casks	02 13 02

Item	To hay flax two forkes and “—” of Lumber and an ox slead and other Lumber at seven pounds two shillings and eight pence	07 02 08
Item	To his stock of Neat Cattle sixty four pounds and ten shillings	64 10 00
Item	To his horses at nine pounds and	09 00 00
Item	To his swine four pounds and Eight shillings	04 08 00
Item	To his Sheep six pounds and six shillings	06 06 00
Item	To one Eight and one sixteenth part of a saw mill and part of of a sawmill saw Nine pounds and Eleven shillings	09 11 00
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		164 06 6
Item	To his Real Estate as followeth to his Land on the East side of the River at two Hundered and Eighty pounds	280 00 00
	To his Homstead farm with all the Boudings on it at	898 00 00
Item	To a peace of Land in Norton Adjoyning to Tuckers land	056 05 00
Item	To a peace of Land Adjoyning to Seth Eddyes in Taunton	047 10 00
	To a peace of Cedar swamp in Cobbs swamp so called	03 10 00
Item	To Land in Bradfords Claym at	50 00 00
Item	To one Quarter of a Lot in the Great Cedar swamp at	02 00 00
Item	To Two acres of Land in Eastown	04 00 00
Item	To half a Right in the Burnt Ground so called—	01 10 00
Item	To part of the undivied part in the fifth Great sheare in the Great Cedar swamp at	01 00 00
Item	To one Quarter of a Right in the North purches—	04 00 00
Item	To half a purches Right in the Township of Taunton	05 00 00
Item	To Coard Wood five pounds and five shillings	05 05 00
	To one Draught Chaine Bettle and Weages	01 01 00
	To horse Chaines spade Cops and pine and other things at	01 00 00
	To A Beedstead and beasts hide	01 07 09
	To Tobackco and Other small things at	00 11 06
Item	To Corn beanes ots sallt and Rye at	08 11 00
Item	To A Bond from John Lane principall and Intrest Due from from John Ware	06 01 05
		04 00 00
	Dated at Taunton	Joseph Hodges
	June the 12th 1731	Thomas burt
	the appraisers Sworn before	Morgan Cobb 2d
	George Leonard Esq ^r Justice	Apprisers

Bristoll Ss June ye 15 1731

Then Before the Hon:^l Nathaniel Blagrove Esq^r Judge of the Probaite of Wills &c within the County of Bristol Came Nathaniel Briggs Administrator To the Estate of William Briggs Late of Taunton Deceased: and made Oath that this Inventory Containes the Whole of that Estate the said Deceased Dyed seized

of and is Come to her Knowlidge & when she Knows of Any more She will
Reveal the same y^t it may bee of Record herewith

Jurat Coram N: Blagrove
(*Bristol Probate.*)

Neither Sarah (Macomber) Briggs, wife of William Briggs, Grand Senior, nor the two wives of William Briggs, Jr., left recorded estates. The births of his children are not of record.

Children born in Taunton:

By ELIZABETH LINCOLN:

i. SARAH³, b. 5 July 1694.

By MEHETABLE BLAKE: *

ii. AGNES, b. about 1697.

iii. NATHANIEL (Lt.), eldest son, b. 1700, d. 14 Aug. 1774, ae. 74, Taunton; m. JUDITH ———, who d. 22 Nov. 1774, ae. 76.

iv. MEHETABLE, b. about 1703; m. JOHN WARE, JR., of Wrentham.

v. ELIPHALET, b. about 1706.

vi. SETH, b. about 1709; m. HANNAH WHITTAKER.

Probably other children.

SETH³ BRIGGS (William Jr.², William¹), born in Taunton, Bristol County, Mass., about 1709, living in Mansfield, that county, in 1776. He married, in Rehoboth, Mass., 22 Jan. 1735–36, HANNAH WHITTAKER, whose identity was not ascertained. She was living in 1747.†

“Seth Briggs of Attleborough and Hannah Whittaker of Rehoboth” were married by Rev. David Turner of Rehoboth, 22 Jan. 1735–36, at Rehoboth, the intention was recorded 8 Mar. 1734–35.

The first record we have of Seth is his appearance in his father's estate in 1731, when he consents to the appointment of his eldest brother, Nathaniel, as administrator, and was of course of age at the time, hence born before 1710.

At Taunton, 30 June 1732, a grant of laid was laid out to “Seth Briggs on a grant made to his father, William Briggs, said grant bears date March the 22nd 1716/17,” this being on Three Mile River. A further grant was made to him 17 Nov. 1732. (*Proprietors Records.*)

Seth lived in Taunton to about 1733, when he removed to Attleboro; here he lived till about 1748, when he removed to Norton. Norton had been the North Purchase of Taunton and was established as a separate town in 1710. Attleboro had also been part of the

* It might be found on further investigation that she was a young widow and not born a Blake.

† Hannah, b. 28 Mar. 1705–6, dau. Dan. and Mary (Chafee) Whittaker; Hannah, b. 19 July 1708, dau. Noah and Sarah (Read) Whittaker (*Rehoboth Records.*) Whittaker probate and Seth's land records do not help solve her parentage.

North Purchase of Taunton, and had been set off earlier in 1694. It is evident that Seth lived in that part of Norton that in 1770 was established as the district of Mansfield, and that in 1775 was actually established as that town.

Our Seth is not to be confused with that Seth Briggs, Jr., of Berkeley, Mass., who owned land in Dighton, and who removed after 1782 to Putney, Vt. The Briggs Records (published in 1880) list Seth's children on page 185, and erroneously states that he came from Halifax, Mass.

The following service in the French Wars belonged to our Seth Briggs:

Seth Briggs appears on a list sworn to at Norton, 16 May 1757, of the 2d Co. of Militia in the town of Norton, commanded by Colonel Ephraim Leonard, comprising the Train Band and Alarm List, rank a private, reported belonging to the Train Band. (*Massachusetts Archives*, 95: 380.)

Brief abstracts of Seth's land records follow:

18 Mar. 1731-32, ". . . we Seth Briggs of Taunton . . . and John Ware Jun^r of Wrentham . . . and Mehetable Ware wife of the said John Ware Sendeth Greeting Know ye that wee . . . for . . . four hundred pounds and Seventeen . . . paid by our Brother Nathaniel Briggs of Taunton . . . Deliver unto him . . . all . . . our . . . Interest which we have to any of the estate of our honoured father William Briggs of Taunton Late Dceased both Real and personal . . . Excepted only the Right . . . Known by the name of Bradfords claim . . ." Signed by Seth Briggs and John Ware. Mehetable signs by mark. Wit.: Wm. Ware, John Fisher, John Ware, Ebenezer Fisher. Acknowledged 20 Mar. 1731-32, by Seth Briggs at Norton. (*Bristol Deeds*, 21: 443.)

20 Mar. 1731-32, Nathaniel Briggs of Taunton for £14 10s. conveys to Seth Briggs of Taunton, one half purchase right in undivided land there, being all right to cedars in Burunt Ground in Taunton Great Swamp, "which was My father William Briggs dec^d" Signs. Wit.: Wm. Ware, John Fisher, recorded 1735. (*Ibid.*, 23: 414.)

13 Nov. 1732, Seth Briggs of Taunton, laborer, for £24 conveys to Philip Mason of same, twenty eight acres there. Signs. Wit.: Thomas Briggs his mark, and Abiel Briggs. (*Ibid.*, 21: 412.) Bounded by land of Samuel Danforth and Nathaniel Lincoln.

17 Nov. 1732, Seth Briggs of Taunton, husbandman, for £8 conveys to Joseph Eddy of same, yeoman, one half a purchase right there etc. Signs, recorded 1735. Mentions Samuel Danforth. Wit.: Abigail Eddy, Azariah Eddy, Sarah Newland. (*Ibid.*, 23: 557.)

2 Dec. 1732, Seth Briggs of Taunton, husbandman, for £19 sells to Samuel Danforth of same, yeoman, land there formerly a right of Samuel Danforth late deceased, mentions as a bound, land "formerly William Briggs Deceased." Signs. Wit.: Samuel Stacey, Morgan Cobb 2d. (*Ibid.*, 21: 330.)

5 Apr. 1733, "I Seth Briggs of Attleborough . . . Son of William Briggs late of Taunton . . . deceased For . . . Forty Shillings . . . paid by John



LYDIA RICHARDSON BRIGGS' SPINNING WHEEL



CHEST MARKED "WRENTHAM FEB. 1ST, 1804
W N° J. NIXON"

FOR LYDIA RICHARDSON BRIGGS

Godfrey of Taunton . . . confirm unto him . . . one half Right or half Shere in and unto all the Burnt ground or Cedar Swamp in . . . Taunton . . . that was heretofore the Right of one George Macy and was afterward conveyed down to William Briggs (father of the sd Seth Briggs) . . . who dyed seized of the same and was Set of to the said Briggs in part of his Right in his s^d fathers Estate . . .” Signs. Wit.: Enoch Hunt, Hannah Hathaway. (*Ibid.*, 22: 149.)

19 Nov. 1733, Seth Briggs of Attleboro, laborer, for £20 conveys to George Macey of Norton, land in Attleboro, being forty one acres. Signs. Recorded 1734. Wit.: Simeon Witherell, Sam¹¹ Follett. (*Ibid.*, 23: 237.)

24 Apr. 1734, Seth Briggs of Attleboro, laborer, for £3 10s. conveys to Nehemiah Fisher of Norton, three acres in Taunton “according to a grant made the fifteenth Day of March one thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Two in the Right of William Briggs Deceas^d which Right was originally George Maceyes.” Signs. Wit.: Rachel Leonard, Jusen(?) Newell’s mark. (*Ibid.*, 27: 422.)

1734–35 [day and month missing], Seth Briggs of Attleboro, husbandman, sells three acres there to John Hill, husbandman, of the same. Signs. Wit.: Seth Eddy, Nathaniel Cobb. (*Ibid.*, 26: 221.)

12 Nov. 1734, George Macey of Norton, blacksmith, sells for £20 to Seth Briggs of Attlebor, labourer, forty one acres in Attleboro, bounded by Nickeles Cobb. and the Norton Line. Signs. Wit.: Thomas Macey, Samuel Hodges. (*Ibid.*, 23: 415.)

9 Feb. 1739–40, Seth Briggs of Attleboro, yeoman, for £100 conveys to Joseph Ingalls of Rehoboth, land at Palmers River in Rehoboth, land and part of House there, which said Seth bought of John Pratt of Rehoboth. Signs. Wit.: Wm. Easterbroak, Daniel Carpenter. (*Ibid.*, 26: 351.) [This may be a clue to his wife, if followed up.]

The purchase deed is not of record.

21 Feb. 1739–40, Damaris Peck of Rehoboth, widow and executrix of the estate of Jothniel Peck late of same deceased, sells part of his real estate to Seth Briggs of Attleboro, for £40 16–6, it being land in Attleboro. Wit.: Stephen Scarboro, William Easterbrooke. (*Ibid.*, 28: 127.)

9 Mar. 1740–41, Seth Briggs of Attleboro, yeoman, for £35 sells to Israel Woodward of Norton, seven acres in Attleboro, it “being part of y^e Seth Briggs homestead farm In Attleborough.” His wife “hannah” Briggs releases her rights. Signs. Wit.: Daniel Brayman ye ist, and Thomas Brayman. (*Ibid.*, 30: 287.)

9 Mar. 1741, Seth Briggs of Attleboro, for £160 sells to Daniel Brayman of same, lands there that he had purchased of Peck of Rehoboth etc., forty one acres, and seventeen and three quarters acres. Wife Hannah releases her rights; both sign. Wit.: Nath¹ Cobb, Thomas Braman. (*Ibid.*, 30: 207.)

30 Nov. 1742, Seth Briggs of Attleboro, for £10 sells to George Macey of Norton, swamp land being an original right of Thomas Harvey, in Norton. Wit.: George Leonard, Obediah Fuller. Recorded in 1765. (*Ibid.*, 48: 320.)

29 Feb. 1743 [–44?], Seth Briggs of Attleboro, for £20 conveys to Abiah Luther of Rehoboth, ten acres in Attleboro. Signs. Wit.: Prudence and Samuel White. (*Ibid.*, 32: 279.)

29 Jan. 1745, Seth Briggs of Attleboro, labourer, conveys to Abraham Briggs of Taunton five acres of land in Taunton. Signs. Wit.: Seth and Patience Eddy. Recorded 1751. (*Ibid.*, 38: 14.)

30 Nov. 1747, Seth Briggs of Attleboro, for £300 conveys to Daniel Whitman of Abington, "my now Dwelling house and farm whereon it Stands Laying in Attleborough," being thirty five acres, bounded easterly on the Norton line. Signs. Wit.: Salvenus Braman, John Tiler Junr. (*Ibid.*, 43: 31.)

1 Sept. 1748, John Starkey of Attleboro, husbandman for £320 conveys to Seth Briggs of same, "My Dwelling house and Land Lying in Norton" being sixty acres and is what I purchased of my brother Andrew Starkey as to the bounds see the division of my father Andrew Starkey's estate deceased, by deed of Thomas Skinner, etc. Signs by mark. Wit.: David Freeman, Richard Attwill. (*Ibid.*, 35: 329.)

3 Nov. 1758, Joseph Newland of Norton for £3-10s. conveys to Seth Briggs, husbandman of Norton, one acre there in Taunton North Purchase, bounded by the road from Eliot to Shepardson, original right of Thomas Harvey. Recorded 1780. Wit.: Ephm. Leonard, Mehetable Ellis. (*Ibid.*, 60: 35.)

27 Dec. 1762, Seth Briggs of Norton conveys to Jacob Briggs of Norton, for £26-13-4, thirty acres there, bounded by land of "my homestead"; this deed gives no relationships, but it is evident that Jacob was his son. Wit.: Geo. Leonard, Espⁿ Leonard. (*Ibid.*, 46: 210.)

19 Aug. 1765, "I Seth Briggs of y^e Town of Norton . . . yeoman For . . . money to Me In hand . . . paid by my Son Jacob Briggs of ye Town . . . afores^d yeoman . . . Confirme unto him . . . Land Scituate in s^d Norton . . . fourteen or fifteen Acres . . . being all Ye Land which Belongs to me of that Sixty one Acres of Land which I Purchased of John Starkey as also y^e one half of a Dwelling House being y^e House wherein I . . . & y^e s^d Jacob . . . now Dwell in and is y^e House which I Built in Partnership with y^e said Jacob . . . and is y^e westerly End of s^d House and all my Intrest in s^d House . . ." He signs, no release of any wife. Wit.: John Daggett, Mary Daggett her mark, recorded 1766. (*Ibid.*, 49: 541.)

29 May 1770, "I Seth Briggs of ye District of Mansfield . . . yeoman in Consideration of . . . Three pounds Eighteen shillings . . . paid . . . by my son Jacob Briggs of y^e s^d District . . . yeoman . . . confirm unto him . . . two acres & half of y^e Common & undivided Lands in Taunton North Purchase . . . it being y^e Right that I y^e Seth Briggs Pitched where y^e Dwelling house of y^e s^d Seth Briggs now stands which was in y^e original Right of Thomas Harvey . . . also three acres of y^e Common undivided Land," he signs, he acknowledged this deed 17 Sept. 1776. Recorded 1779. Wit.: John Daggett and Mary Daggett. (*Ibid.*, 59: 208.)

It was evidently agreed that Jacob should support his father, for in 1765 he purchased the other half of the property from his brother Solomon. There is no record of any settlement of Seth's estate in Bristol Probate, nor that of his wife's estate.

When the Mansfield Vital Records are finally compiled and published, we will doubtless be able to add data to these accounts, and may secure a date of death for Seth Briggs. There are some manuscript copies of some of the graveyards there which were examined but

nothing was gained from this. As has been stated Attleboro Vital Records are also in the process of compilation and publication.

Children born in Attleboro:

- i. SOLOMON ⁴, b. 30 May 1737, d. 15 Jan. 1812, Mansfield; m. 7 Feb. 1763, MOLLY LINCOLN, probably of Hingham. He served in the Revolution from Attleboro, and in 1780 gave his age as 43, dark complexion, six feet one inch tall. Children (Briggs), (1) *Hannah*; (2) *Darius*; (3) *Chloe*; (4) *Abel*; (5) *Solomon*; (6) *Molly*; (7) *Betty*; (8) *Abi*; (9) *Lydia*; (10) *Content*. He is not to be confused with the Solomon Briggs of Norton who m. 1760, Remember Litchfield. [Second Congregational Church, Attleboro: 30 Apr. 1781, Abel, Solomon, Molly, Betty, Alidda and Content, Children of Solomon, baptised. Old Kirk Cemetery, Attleboro: Abi, d.; Sol and Molly, d. 13 Sept. 1777, ae. 10 mos.]
- ii. JACOB, b. 20 Apr. 1739; m. ESTHER SKINNER.
- iii. SARAH, b. 5 Jan. 1741-42.
- iv. ABI, b. 12 July 1744.
- v. MEHETABLE, b. 12 Aug. 1747.

JACOB ⁴ BRIGGS (*Seth* ³, *William Jr.* ², *William, Grand Senior* ¹), born in Attleboro, Bristol County, Mass., 20 Apr. 1739, died in Mansfield, Mass., 25 Dec. 1821, testate. He married in Norton, Mass., 28 Mar. 1765, ESTHER SKINNER, born there, 2 July 1741, died in Mansfield, 11 Apr. 1841, aged ninety-nine years and eight months, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Wilde) Skinner.

Born in Attleboro on his father's farm there, near the Norton line. When Jacob was about nine years old, his father sold the Attleboro farm, and removed to a farm that he had purchased in Norton, which comprised about sixty acres. This Norton land fell after 1770 into the new town of Mansfield.

Jacob Briggs is not to be confused with that other Jacob Briggs of Norton, born in 1745, who served from Norton in the Revolution, aged thirty-five in 1781.* (*Massachusetts Sailors and Soldiers in the Revolution*.) Nor is he to be confused with that Jacob Briggs, who served in the Colonial Wars in 1757 from Taunton.

Jacob Briggs had service in the French Wars, and his descendants are eligible to membership in the various societies founded on service in the various French, or "Colonial," wars. A photostat of this service can be secured if desired. His father, Seth, also had service in this same company:

Jacob Briggs appears on a list sworn to at Norton, 16 May 1757, of the 2d Co. of Militia in the town of Norton, commanded by Colonel Ephraim Leon-

* Jacob Briggs, s. of George and Sarah, b. 9 Apr. 1745, Norton; m. there, 3 Dec. 1767, Sarah Cheney. There are numerous Jacob Briggs in Bristol county in the XVIIIth century.

ard, comprising the Train Band and Alarm List, rank of private, reported belonging to the Train Band. (*Massachusetts Archives*, 95: 380.)

Again, Jacob Briggs appears on a pay roll certified to at Boston, 22 Feb. 1763, of a company in His Majesty's service under the command of Captain Josiah Dunbar, as a private, residence Norton, entered service 27 Mar. 1762, served until 18 Nov. 1762, served thirty three weeks and six days. (*Ibid.*, 99: 237.)

Our Jacob Briggs besides fighting in the French Wars, also saw service in the Revolutionary War:

"Briggs, Jacob, Mansfield, Private, Capt. Samuel White's 7th (West Mansfield) Co., Col. John Dagget's (Bristol Co.) regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, to Roxbury; service, 4 days."

"Briggs, Jacob, Private, Lieut. Ephraim Grover's Co., Col. Isaac Dean's (4th Bristol Co.) regt.; enlisted Aug. 5, 1780; discharged Aug. 7, 1780; service, 4 days at Rhode Island, on the alarm of Aug. 1, 1780. Roll sworn to at Attleborough." (*Massachusetts Sailors and Soldiers in the Revolution*, 2: 509.)

He doubtless had other service in this war, but the record is not extant. It is stated that only about one third of the records are preserved of those who actually served. Neither he, nor his widow, received any pension for this service, and his widow did not receive any bounty land rights.

So we see that in 1757 and 1762 he was serving the King, and that in 1775 and 1780 he was serving the Colonies. We also know that his brother, Solomon Briggs, had like service.

In 1762, Jacob purchased of his father thirty acres in Norton. Three years later his father conveyed to him some fifteen acres more there and the westerly half of the homestead which they, Jacob and his father, had built together. In that same year, 1765, Jacob purchased of his brother, Solomon, twenty acres of land and the easterly half of the homestead, Solomon removing to Attleboro, viz.:

28 Oct. 1765, "I Solomon Briggs of y^e Town of Norton . . . yeoman for . . . Thirty five pounds Thirteen Shillings . . . paid by my Brother Jacob Briggs of y^e Town . . . afforesd yeoman . . . sell . . . him . . . Twenty acres of Land being y^e Easterly Part of my home place of our father Seth Briggs of s^d Norton . . ." Wife Molly Briggs releases her dower rights in same. He signs; she makes her mark. Wit.: John Daggett, Abigail Ide. (*Bristol Deeds*, 50: 125.)

In 1770, Jacob Briggs purchased further common land from his father, Seth, said land being in Norton (Taunton North Purchase). At this time they both called themselves of the District of Mansfield. For these land records involving Seth, see Seth's account on the previous pages.

Ten years later, in 1780, Jacob Briggs again appears in the land records:

4 Oct. 1780, Samuel Tiffaney Junr of Attleboro, for £42-6s. silver, sells to Jacob Briggs of Mansfield, yeoman, ten acres in Mansfield, bounded east by the line of Attleboro. Wife Hannah Tiffaney releases her dower. Wit.: Mary Daggett Junr, Ebenezer Daggett. (*Ibid.*, 61: 237, 238.)

13 June 1785, Nathaniel Hodges of Mansfield, for £16-2-6, sells to Jacob Briggs, yeoman of same, land there, being the northern end of a fifteen acre lot. Wit.: John Daggett, Anna Braman. (*Ibid.*, 71: 448.)

1 Feb. 1788, "I Solomon Briggs of . . . Mansfield . . . yeoman in Consideration of . . . Thirty pounds . . . paid me by my Brother Jacob Briggs of ye Town . . . afores^d yeoman . . . sell . . . him . . . Land . . . in . . . Mansfield . . . part of my home place," wife Molly releases her rights. He signs; she marks. Wit.: Benjamin Skinner, Hannah Briggs.* (*Ibid.*, 66: 473.)

22 Feb. 1797, Joseph Fairbanks of Wrentham, gentleman, for \$85 sells to Jacob Briggs of Mansfield, yeoman, and to Abraham Crowly of Mansfield, yeoman, land at Witch Pond Swamp in Mansfield, it being a little over an acre. Wit.: James and Susey Fairbank. (*Ibid.*, 75: 594.)

Jacob Briggs lived until 1821, and further deeds in regard to his estate, passed by his children, will be found under his son, Emerson Briggs's account.

In the census of 1790, he is listed as of Mansfield, with a family of three males over sixteen, one male under sixteen, and three females. (*Mass. Census 1790*, p. 47.)

In 1800, Jacob Briggs was still of Mansfield, having in his family at that time one male between ten and sixteen [Emerson], one male between twenty-six and forty-five, one male over forty-five, and one female between sixteen and twenty-six, it is evident that his wife's record was omitted from this.

In 1810, he had but one male and one female in his family; that is, his wife and himself. In 1820, he is not listed in Mansfield, but was apparently living in the family of his son, Jacob, Jr., and is one of the two males therein listed as over forty-five, his wife being that female over forty-five. Jacob, Jr., had a large family of twelve persons. In 1830, son Jacob was still of Mansfield with a large family listed, the father had died in 1821, but his widow was evidently that female aged between eighty and ninety listed in the son Jacob's household. And in 1840, the son Jacob had listed in his family one female aged between ninety and one hundred, this woman being his mother, who died in 1841, aged ninety-nine years.

(*Records from U. S. Census Bureau, Washington, D. C.*)

Jacob Briggs was the first of his line to die testate, a full copy of his will follows:

In The Name of God Amen I Jacob Briggs of mansfield in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of massachusetts yeoman I being advanced in

* It is probable that Seth died before 1788. We know he was living 1776. Possibly the Hannah who witnesses was the widow, but is to be doubted.

years and infirm as to my bodyly health but yet of Sound mind and memory I do make this my Last will and testament as followeth I Recommend my Soul to God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be Decently buried by my Executor hereafter named and as to what worldly interest or Estate I may be in possession off at my Descase I give and Dispose off as followeth first I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Esther Briggs the full one third Part of all my Real and personal Estate for her use During her Natural Life

Itim: I Give and bequeth to my Dutyfull Son Jacob Briggs and to his heirs and assigns forever all my Real and Personal Estate of all kinds after my Said wifes thirds of Dower is Set off: Said Jacob is to pay the Legesses and Debts as will

Itim: I give and bequeth to my Dutyfull Son Emerson Briggs & to his heirs & assigns for Ever one Doller to be paid by my Son Jacob Briggs and the Reason that I give my Son Emerson No more is because he hath Sold his Right and title to my Estate to his Brother Jacob Briggs for Seven hundred Dollers

Itim: I give and Bequeth to my Dutyfull Daughter Lusylde Brintnall the wife of Obadiah Brintnall and to her heirs and assigns for Ever Seventy five Dollers to be Paid by my Son Jacob Briggs in one year after my Decease

Itim: I give and bequeth to my Dutyfull Daughter Salley Crowley the wife of Abraham Crowley and to her heirs and assigns for Ever Seventy five Dollers to be Paid her by my Son Jacob Briggs in one year after my Decease

Itim: I give and bequeth to my Dutyfull Daughter Esther Starkey the wife of Nathan Starkey her heirs and assigns for Ever twenty five Dollers to be Paid her by my Son Jacob Briggs in one year after my Decease

My Will is farther that at the Decese of my Said Wife the Real Estate Set of to her for thirds and out dore movables is to be my Son Jacob Briggs and his heirs & assigns for Ever

my will is further that at the Decese of my Said wife all the household furniture (Except Cider Barrels meet Barrels and Casks wich I give to my Son Jacob Briggs) Shall be Equally Devided betwext my three Daughters, Viz Lusylde Brintnall & Sally Crowley & Esther Starkey.

my will is further that my Son Jacob Briggs Shall Provide a horse for my Said wife to Ride to meeting and where she has ocasion to Ride during her natural Life

and I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Son Jacob Briggs to be Sole Executor of this my Last will and impowering him to Recover & Receive all Dues and Debts Due to me and to pay all my Just and honest Debts and funaral Charges out of my Said Estate and to See that this will be fullfilled

In testimoney whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twentyeth Day of June A D 1806 Signed Sealed and Declared by Jacob Briggs to be his Last will and testament in Presents

of John Williams
 “ John Williams Jr
 “ Marcus Williams

Jacob Briggs (Seal)

The will was proved in Court, 2 July 1822. (*Bristol Probate.*)

The widow left no recorded estate. From the will above she was to have her thirds and right of dower in his estate. We have seen that she lived with her son, Jacob, Jr., until her death in 1841.

It is evident that the "Meeting" referred to the First Church in Mansfield. This was originally a Congregational parish of Norton, founded in 1731, and like most of the first Congregational parishes it was later absorbed into the Unitarian faith. The records of this church were of great value, containing baptisms, marriages, deaths, admissions, dismissions, and church minutes. In the Report on the Public Records published in 1885 these records were reported in a fair condition. A few years later the church was disbanded and the records deposited in the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall of Mansfield, and now they are no longer to be found. It is said that some misguided person burned them for waste paper! An irreparable loss! The Essex Institute, which is going to publish the Mansfield records, the Unitarian Society, which is attempting to collect all records of non-existing churches, and other private persons have investigated this matter.

If these records were extant we would doubtless have a full list of all of Jacob's children as well as many other dates and records.

Children born in Mansfield:

- (?) i. ———⁵, b. about 1766, probably d. young.
- (?) ii. ———, b. about 1768, probably d. young.
- iii. LUCILDA, b. about 1770, d. 13 Dec. 1861; m. 6 June 1802, Mansfield (int. 25 Mar.) OBADIAH BRINTNALL of Mansfield, who d. between 1806 and 1822. Child (Brintnall), b. Mansfield; *Obadiah*, b. 25 Mar. 1803; m. Adrianna ———.
- iv. SARAH (SALLY), b. about 1772; m. 6 July 1792 (int. 20 Feb.), Mansfield, ABRAHAM CROWLEY of Mansfield. Children (Crowley), b. Mansfield, (1) *Jacob*, b. 21 May 1793; (2) *Sabora*, b. 2 Apr. 1795; (3) *Asenath*, b. 8 Apr. 1797; (4) *Irena*, b. 13 Aug. 1801; (5) *Walter*, b. 10 Nov. 1804. They were living in 1822, in Mansfield and were Friends.
- v. JACOB, b. in 1774, living 1850 in Mansfield, ae. 76; m. there 19 Oct. 1801 (int. 3 Oct.), NANCY GILMORE, b. 1781, living in 1850 aged 69. Children (Briggs), b. Mansfield, (1) *Jacob*, b. 31 May 1803; (2) *Nancy-Gilmore*, b. 20 July 1805, living unm. 1850, Mansfield; (3) *Harriet*, b. 24 Sept. 1810; m. 9 Mar. 1837, Mansfield, John Bailey of Wrentham; (4) *Albert-Pierce*, b. 2 Mar. 1813. He lived for a time in Attleboro.
- vi. ESTHER, b. about 1777, lived in Troy, N. H.; m. 6 Oct. 1803 (int. 1 June), Mansfield, NATHAN STARKEY of Fitzwilliam, N. H. She is called Esther "2^d" in the marriage. They were living in 1822. He possibly was born in Wrentham, Mass.
- vii. EMERSON, b. 10 Dec. 1784; m. LYDIA RICHARDSON.
Possibly other children who died young.

The following material was copied by Mrs. Egbert-Ellis Rhodes of Seattle, Wash., from a Bible record in her possession * (Lydia Richardson Briggs' Bible):

* This Bible was published in 1807 by Mathew Carey of 122 Market Street, Philadelphia; probably purchased by Emerson Briggs about that date.

Births

Children of Seth Briggs

Solomon Briggs

Born May 30-1737

Jacob Briggs

April 20-1739

Sarah Briggs

Jan. 5-1741

Abi Briggs

July 12-1744

Mehitable Briggs

Aug. 12-1747

Deaths

Solomon Briggs

Jan. 6-1812

Jacob Briggs

Dec. 25-1821

His wife Esther Skinner Briggs

Apr. 1841

Lucilda Briggs Brintnal

Dec. 13-1861

Lydia Briggs

6 mo. 20th-1858

Emerson Briggs

2 mo. 16th-1873

Baby

11th mo. 7th day-1811

Martha Briggs married

Oct. 2-1851

Births

Emerson Briggs

12 mo-10th da-1784

Benjamin Briggs

5 mo-11th da-1805

Edmund Briggs

7 mo-4th da-1818

Died 10th mo-12th da-1883

Alfred Briggs

7th mo-19 da-1823

Martha Briggs

9th mo-24 da-1828

Lydia Briggs

11th mo-31 da-1787

Abi Briggs

1th mo-11 da-1807

Betsy Briggs

1th mo 9 da-1809

Baby

8th mo 31 da-1811

Louisa Briggs

5th mo 18 da-1813

Louritta Briggs

12th mo-7 da-1815

Sarah Briggs

4th mo- 22 da-1821

Lydia Adalina Briggs

10th mo. 18 da-1825

DESCENDANTS OF EMERSON BRIGGS

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1. EMERSON⁵ BRIGGS (*Jacob⁴, Seth³, William Jr.², William, Grand Senior¹*), son of Jacob and Esther (Skinner) Briggs of Attleboro, Norton, and Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., was born in Mansfield, near the Attleboro line, 10 Dec. 1784, and died in Norton, 16 Feb. 1873, being buried on the homestead there. He married in Attleboro, 1 July 1804, LYDIA RICHARDSON, born there, 31 Jan. 1787, died in Norton, 21 July 1858, daughter of Seth and Lydia (French) Richardson. She was also buried beside her husband on the homestead farm in Norton.

At the time of their marriage, Emerson was but nineteen years old, and his bride but seventeen. They had courage in those days! The old records of the Second Congregational Church of Attleboro contain the following: "Emerson Briggs of Mansfield & Lidia Richardson of Attl." married 1 July 1804.

A descendant describes the wedding as taking place in the Richardson homestead in Attleboro, it being a very simple one, as Lydia was one of a large family, and that young Emerson took Lydia away with him in a chaise drawn by a white horse. Cold records are but dry facts, and we must let our imagination play here, and try and visualize the little wedding party and the (probably) hot and sunny July day.

Lydia was one of eleven children, five boys and six girls, the brothers being Seth, who removed to Vassalboro, Me.; George, who married Polly Willson, and lived in Winslow, Me.; Silas, who married a Daggett, and also lived in Winslow; Francis, who married Nancy Crossman and lived in Winslow; and Ira, who married Eveline Fisher and lived in Mansfield. Lydia's sisters were Sarah, who married Thomas Braman of Norton; Roxy, who married Joseph Parmenter and went to China, Me.; Anna, or Nancy as she was called, who married Minor Phillips, had fourteen children, and lived in Winslow; Phebe, who married Barnum Hodges and also went to Maine to live; and Rhoda, who married Elkanah Wheeler and lived in Norton.

Seth Richardson, her father, died in Attleboro, 29 Jan. 1824, aged sixty-eight years, and her mother, Sarah, died there, 18 Feb. 1816, aged fifty-eight years. They are both buried in the Old Kirk Cemetery in Attleboro.

Possibly some brief notes concerning the Richardson ancestry of Emerson's wife, would be of interest here. The progenitor of this line, Samuel Richardson, of Charlestown and Woburn, had by wife, Joanna, a son, Stephen Richardson of Woburn. The latter died 1718

testate, and had by wife, Abigail Wyman, who died there 1720, intestate, a large family of children, several sons removing to Attleboro from Woburn. Among the latter was Francis³ Richardson, born in Woburn in 1681, died in Attleboro, 1756, testate, and who by his wife, Sarah Houghton of Lancaster, whom he had married in Charlestown in 1708, had a son Seth, born in Attleboro, 3 Sept. 1716, died there, 15 Jan. 1785. This Seth⁴ Richardson married in Norton, 25 Apr. 1739, Abigail Skinner, born there about 1721, died in Attleboro, 26 Apr. 1811, they both being buried in the Old Kirk-yard Cemetery in Attleboro. Although Seth Sr., did not record the births of his children, and left no recorded estate, he conveyed to his son, Seth, Jr., in 1781, by deed, all his property in Attleboro in return for life care and maintenance. This son, Seth⁵ Richardson, Jr., a soldier of the Revolution, was the father of Lydia (Richardson) Briggs.*

Seth Richardson left the following will:

In the name of God amen—

I Seth Richardson of Attleborough In the County of Bristol yeoman Being weak in body but of Sound mind and memory, do this twenty seventh day of January AD one thousand eight hundred and twenty four. Make and Publish this my last will and testament In maner following that is to Say, first and foremost my will is that all my Just debts and funeral Charges Shall be Settled and paid by my Executor hereafter named—

imprimis) I give unto my oldest Son Seth Richardson Jr the Sum of one Shilling that with what I have heretofore given him is his full Share out of my Estate.—I also give unto George Richardson my Second Son one Shilling that with what I have heretofore given him is his full Share of my estate.

I also give unto my daughter Sarah Braman one Shilling that together with what I have heretofore given her is her full Share of my Estate.—

I al give unto My Second Daughter Roxcy Parmater one Shilling that together with what I have heretofore given her is her full Share out of my Estate —

I also give unto my third daughter Lydia Briggs one Shilling that together with what I have heretofore given her is her full Share out of my Estate.—

I also give unto my fourth daughter Anna Phillips one Shilling that together with what I have heretofore given her is her full Share out of my Estate

I also give unto my third Son Silas Richardson one Shilling that together with what I have heretofore given him is his full Share out of my Estate

I also give unto my fifth daughter Phebe Hodges one Shilling that together with what I have heretofore given her, is her full Share out of my Estate

I also give unto my fourth Son Francis Richardson one Shilling that together with what I have heretofore given him is his full Share out of my Estate

* The Richardson Memorial is in error in regard to this particular line. Nor should our Seth⁴ be confused with his contemporaries, Seth³ (Stephen²); and Seth⁴ (Timothy³). The land and probate records of Middlesex and Bristol Counties make the distinctions very clear. Further notes on the Richardson lineage will be found in the Appendix.

I also give all the remander of my Personal and Real Estate of what name Soever or where ever found. after paying all my Just debts and Legasies as afore Said. unto my Son Ira Richardson and my daughter Rhoda Richardson, to be equally divided between them

And Lastley I do constitute and ordain my said son Ira Richardson Sole Executor of this my Last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and year above writen

his
Seth X Richardson Seal
mark

Signed Sealed Published pronounced and declared by the Said Seth Richardson as and for his last will and Testament in the presants of us who at his request and in his presants hereunto Set our names as witnesses to the Same—

Noah Claflin Jr
turner pane
Benj. W. Rounds

Filed 18 Feb. 1824.
(*Bristol Probate.*)

The following is a copy of data which consists apparently of the Reminiscences of a grand daughter of Lydia (Richardson) Briggs:

“Grandmother Briggs, Lydia Richererson’s father’s name was Seth, her mother’s maiden name, his wife, was Sarah French who lives on the Captin French place down below Aunt Louitta Harvey’s. Sarah French’s father had two wives. Captin Frenches father Thomas French was Sarah Frenches brother. Captin French and grandmother Briggs were one cousins.

“Seth Richersons mother was a Skiner he had a brother Thomas who lived in West Mansfield on what is now the Motomer Hodges place. My grandfather’s name was Emerson Briggs his father’s name was Jacob Briggs, his mother’s name Easter Skinner. Father lived on the Sam Ring’s place back in the lot a little ways, She was born here. Jacob Briggs lived in that old house up to Solomon Brigges. Easter Briggs lived to be 101 years old and burried the 13 day of April 1836 [*sic*].* Her funeral text was Mary hath chosen the good part which shall not be taken away from her. The day the funeral was the roads were blocked so but 1 carriage got to the funeral. Minister Cran was the one that came in the slay. She was burried in the burrying ground up to Happy Hollow up beyon Robbersons. Emmerson Briggs had three sisters Sally she married Abraham Crowley of Mansfield near the Quaker Church. She was one of the early members. Lucilda married a Brittnal lived near Abraham Crowleys. Ester married Nathan Starkey they lived in Wrentham. One brother, Jacob Briggs he married Nancy Gillmore and lived in the old house up to Solomon Brigges, his father gave him the place to take care of him which was valued at about \$4000. He gave grandfather Briggs \$700. Grand mother Briggs had 10 brothers and sisters, 6 girls 5 boys.”

So much for the Richardson connections.

Our Emerson Briggs was a great-great grandson of the founder of

* 1841 is the correct year. She was aged 99 years and 8 mos.—W. L. H.

this particular Briggs family, and indeed once related to a grandson, that his (Emerson's) grandfather (Seth) had told the family, that his (Seth's) grandfather had come from England. This founder, of whom I have written in the Introduction, was known as William "Grand Sen^r," to distinguish him from the other William Briggs of his town. An early settler of Taunton, born in England about 1645, he was of Taunton by 6 Nov. 1666, when he married Sarah Macomber of Marshfield, who died in Taunton, 20 Mar. 1680, and he, the Grand Senior, also died in Taunton, 3 Jan. 1728, aged eighty-three years. By a deed dated 19 Jan. 1705, "William Briggs the Eldest Called William Briggs Grand sen^r of Taunton," for £50 conveyed to "William Briggs Jun^r (the son of the above-said William Briggs Grand Sen^r" twenty acres in Taunton by Three Mile River with a dwelling house thereon. (*Bristol Deeds*, 4: 512.)

Emerson's great grandfather, "William Briggs Jun^r (the son of the abovesaid William Briggs Grand Sen^r") was born in Taunton, 25 Jan. 1667, and died there, 20 Feb. 1731, aged sixty-three years; he had married in Milton, as a second wife, Mehetable Blake, possibly a young widow, who died in Taunton, 17 Oct. 1732, aged sixty-one years, they both being buried in the Oakland Cemetery in Taunton. This William, like his father, left no will, but an administration was granted upon his estate 16 Mar. 1730-31, to the eldest son, Nathaniel, and among the papers settling the said estate, is a paper which gives the consent that "my Eldest Brother Nathaniel Briggs may take Letters of Administration upon the Estate of my honred father William Briggs of Taunton late deceased as witness my hand this 13th day of March 1730/31 Seth briggs." (*Bristol Probate*.)

Seth Briggs, Emerson's grandfather on the paternal side, was born in Taunton, not later than 1709-10, probably about 1709, and married in Rehoboth, 22 Jan. 1735-36, Hannah Whittaker. But before this marriage he had removed, between December 1732 and April 1733 to Attleboro. In November 1747, Seth sold his Attleboro farm, and in September 1748 purchased a house and farm in Norton comprising some sixty acres. He settled in that part of Norton that in 1770 was established as the District of Mansfield, and as a town of Mansfield in 1775. In 1762, Seth sold his son, Jacob Briggs, land in Norton. (*Bristol Deeds*.) He also made these conveyances:

19 Aug. 1765, "I Seth Briggs of y^e Town of Norton . . . yeoman For . . . money to Me in hand . . . paid by my Son Jacob Briggs of ye Town . . . afors^d yeoman . . . Confirme unto him . . . Land Scituate in s^d Norton . . . fourteen or fifteen Acres . . . being all Ye land which Belongs to me of that Sixty one Acres of Land which I Purchased of John Starkey as also y^e one half of a Dwelling House being y^e House wherein I . . . & y^e s^d Jacob . . . now Dwell in and is y^e House which I Built in Partnership with y^e said Jacob . . . and is y^e westerly End of s^d House and all my Intrest in s^d House . . ."

He signed this deed, there is no release for his wife, who had doubtless deceased by this date. (*Ibid.*, 49: 541.)

29 May 1770, "I Seth Briggs of ye District of Mansfield . . . yeoman in Consideration of . . . Three pounds Eighteen shillings . . . paid . . . by my son Jacob Briggs of y^e s^d District . . . yeoman . . . confirm unto him . . . two acres & half of y^e Common & undivided Lands in Taunton North Purchase . . . it being y^e Right that I y^e Seth Briggs Pitched where y^e Dwelling house of y^e s^d Seth Briggs now stands which was in y^e original right of Thomas Harvey . . . also three acres of y^e Common undivided Land." Signed. He acknowledged this deed 17 Sept. 1776; it was recorded in 1779. It seems very possible that Seth died between 1776 and 1780. (*Ibid.*, 59: 208.)

Jacob Briggs, father of Emerson, born on his father's farm in Attleboro, near the Norton line, 20 Apr. 1739, was taken by his father to live in that part of Norton, now Mansfield, when but a lad, so that he practically lived his whole life in Norton, and died in Mansfield, testate, 25 Dec. 1821. His wife, Esther Skinner, whom he had married in Norton, 28 Mar. 1765, and who was born there, 2 July 1741, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Wilde) Skinner, survived Jacob by many years, and died at the home of her son, Jacob Briggs, Jr., in Mansfield, 11 Apr. 1841, aged nearly a hundred years. In fact, longevity seems to be one of the inheritances of the descendants of Emerson Briggs.

Doubtless Jacob cared for his father, Seth, in his old age, for in 1765, soon after his father had conveyed to him the farm in Mansfield, he bought out his brother Solomon's rights in the same. And here he continued to live, acquiring by purchase further property in that town. In 1788, he bought of his brother, Solomon Briggs, part of Solomon's own home farm in Mansfield.

It was on Jacob's farm in Mansfield near the Attleboro line that Emerson was born, soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, in 1784.

A copy of Jacob Briggs's will follows:

In The Name of God Amen I Jacob Briggs of mansfield in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of massachusetts yeoman I being advanced in years and infairm as to my bodyly health but yet of a Sound mind and memory I do make this my Last will and testement as followeth I Recommend my Soul to God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be Decently buried by my Executor hereafter named and as to what worldly interest or Estate I may be in Possession off at my Descase I give and Dispose off as followeth first I Give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Esther Briggs the full one third Part of all my Real and personal Estate for her use During her Natural Life

Item: I Give and bequeth to my Dutyfull Son Jacob Briggs and to his heirs and assigns forever all my Real and Personal Estate of all kinds after my Said wifes thirds of Dower is Set off: Said Jacob is to pay the Legesses and Debts as will be mentioned hereafter

- Itim I give and bequeth to my Dutyfull Son Emerson Brigg & to his heirs & assigns for Ever one Doller to be paid by my Son Jacob Briggs and the Reason that I give my Son Emerson No more is because he hath Sold his Right and title my Estate to his Brother Jacob Briggs for Seven hundred Dollers
- Itim I give and Bequeth to my Dutyfull Daughter Lusylde Brintnall the wife of Obadiah Brintnall and to her Heirs and assigns for Ever Seventy five Dollers to be Paid by my Son Jacob Briggs in one year after my Decease
- Itim I give and bequeth to my Dutyfull Daughter Salley Crowley the wife of Abraham Crowley and to her heirs and assigns for Ever Seventy five Dollers to be Paid her by my Son Jacob Brigg in one year after my Decease
- Itim I give and bequeth to my Dutyfull Daughter Esther Starkey the wife of Nathan Starkey her heirs and assigns for Ever twenty five Dollers to be Paid her by my Son Jacob Briggs in one year after my Decease
My Will is farther that at the Decese of my Said Wife the Real Estate Set of to her for thirds and out dore movables is to be my Son Jacob Briggs and his heirs & assigns for Ever
my will is further that at the Decese of my Said wife all the household furniture (Except Cider Barrels meet Barrels and Casks wich I give to my Son Jacob Briggs) Shall be Equally Devided betwext my three Daughters, Viz Lusylde Brintnall & Sally Crowley & Esther Starkey
my will is further that my Son Jacob Briggs Shall Provide a horse for my Said wife to Ride to meeting and where She has ocasion to Ride During her natural Life
and I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Son Jacob Briggs to be Sole Executor of this my Last will and empowering him to Recover & Receive all Dues and Debts Due to me and to pay all my Just and honest Debts and funaral Chargs out of my Said Estate and to See that this will be fullfilled In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twentyeth Day of June A D 1806 Signed Sealed and Declared by Jacob Brigg to be his Last will and testament in Presents of John Williams
“ John Williams Jr
Marcus Williams
- Jacob Briggs Seal *

Proved 2 July 1822.

(*Bristol Probate*)

Perhaps it was too much war talk that influenced Emerson Briggs to become a member of the Friends. Certain it is that he came of a fighting stock. There had been no "slackers" among his ancestors. Turning again back to the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, we note the name of William Briggs, on the roll of the first military com-

* Two months earlier than the date of this will, in April 1806, Emerson had sold to his brother, Jacob Briggs, Jr., all his rights to his father's estate, for the sum of seven hundred dollars. It was agreed at the time that the said Jacob, Jr., the elder brother, would care for the father and mother, hence the various provisions of the said will quoted above.

pany of Taunton, 8 Apr. 1682. Again on the Taunton military roster of 1700 appear the names of "Wm. Briggs Grand Senior" and William Briggs, Jr. Coming down to the third generation, we note that Seth Briggs, grandfather of Emerson, had service as a member of the Norton Train Band in the French Wars in 1757. And in the fourth generation, that of Jacob Briggs, Emerson's father, it will be seen in the Introduction, that Jacob not only was a member of the Norton Train Band in 1757, but that he saw eight months' actual service in the French Wars in 1762; and furthermore had service from Mansfield in the War of the Revolution. Emerson's uncle, Solomon Briggs, had a long term of enlistment in the Revolution. (*History of Taunton; Mass. Archives; Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution.*)

As a child, Emerson doubtless attended the old first parish meeting house in Mansfield, formed as has been explained in the Introduction in 1731. Congregational in its beginning, later as did so many of the first Congregational parishes, it became Unitarian in denomination, and when the church was disbanded in the eighteen nineties, the records were deposited in the Town Hall of Mansfield, and they are now no longer extant. If these records had been saved doubtless we would have found the record of his baptism therein. His wife, Lydia, was also a Congregationalist, and we recall that their marriage record is to be found in the records of the Second Congregational Church of Attleboro. This latter, the Second Church, was established in 1748, from the old First Church in Attleboro. We recall in Jacob's will of 1806 that he carefully provides that "my Son Jacob Briggs Shall Provide a horse for my Said wife to Ride to meeting," etc.

One of Emerson's married sisters attended the Friends Meeting in what was known as the Shearman Neighborhood in Mansfield, and Emerson also became a member of that Meeting, his wife joining a year later. Neither of them were born in the faith and as Emerson joined first, it was evidently he that was converted.

The Mansfield Friends Meeting was built in 1809 on land that was given for that purpose by a David Grover. It was about two miles from the West Mansfield Depot on a corner opposite to the residence of the late David B. Grover. The said Mr. Grover died in 1916, and was the last surviving resident member of the Meeting. When the building was taken down, about five years ago, some of the benches were given to the Meeting at Saylesville, R. I., and the land reverted to the Grover family, for by the terms of the deed of gift, the provision was made, that when it was no longer used for the Meeting, the land was to come back to the family.

28 Dec. 1820, Emerson Briggs was admitted into membership with the Friends, as see the Minutes of the Men's Meeting of that date. This admission was also confirmed by the Minutes of the Women's Meeting of that date. A year later, Emerson Briggs requested that

his seven children be also admitted. At the Mansfield Preparative Meeting of December 1821, there was presented a request to the Monthly Meeting,* in writing, from Lydia Briggs for herself and jointly with her husband for their children to become members of the Society. A committee was appointed and visited the family and when they reported to the Monthly Meeting they included with the seven children, the name of the mother, who had applied for membership with them, a year later than her husband. All were received into full membership in 1822, the parents now being both members with the Friends, the children born later would be birthright members.

It might be well to note here that, in 1812, there had been a suggestion made that the Mansfield Meeting be transferred to the Providence Monthly Meeting, but this idea was abandoned and the Mansfield Meeting continued on under the Smithfield Meeting.*

25 Sept. 1823, Emerson Briggs attended the Monthly Meeting at Smithfield (i.e., Woonsocket, R. I.) as a representative from the Mansfield Preparative Meeting, which shows him a member of good standing on that date. 28 Apr. 1831, the oldest son of Emerson and Lydia Briggs was granted a certificate of clearness to proceed in marriage with a member of the New Bedford Meeting. 28 Nov. 1833, Seth C. Hiller informed the Mansfield Preparative Meeting of his intention to marry Betsy Briggs and the record further states that they were both present.

Emerson Briggs evidently continued with his wife and family a member of the Friends for some years, but later apparently was disgruntled or lost his interest, for at the Smithfield Monthly Meeting held the 28 Dec. 1848, a complaint was presented by the Mansfield Preparative Meeting concerning him, and a committee, consisting of Richard Battey and Luke Aldrich, were appointed to have an opportunity with him and "to bestow such labor for his recovery as best wisdom may direct." The complaint read:

"Emerson Briggs has so far departed from the good order of Society as to wholly neglect the attendance of meetings, both for worship and discipline, and plainness of speech and refusing to assist in defraying the expenses of Society; for which labor has been bestowed with the desired effect."

In January 1849, a month later, the committee stated in the Monthly Meeting, that they were not ready to report definitely as yet, and so were continued. Their report made at the Monthly Meeting of 22 Feb. 1849, stated:

"We your Com^t in the case of Emerson Briggs report that we have treated with him on the subject of complaint, he manifested no disposition to change

* Mansfield was under the jurisdiction of the Smithfield, R. I., Monthly Meeting. These records are now preserved in the Moses Brown School in Providence, R. I. Smithfield Meeting was of the Orthodox branch of the faith.

his course and no desire to be continued as a member. We are of the opinion that further labor with him will not be attended with usefulness."

After hearing this report, the Meeting, upon consideration decided "to place him under their care as a member, having the concurrence of the Womens Meeting at this time." And at the Meeting of April, that year, 1849, the record states that he had been informed of his disownment. (*Smithfield Meeting Records.*)

A descendant of Emerson Briggs, Walter Albert Briggs, Esq., of Attleboro wrote the compiler, in regard to Emerson, as follows:

"Inquiries have been made as to the life of Emerson Briggs and so far I find him not a star of great magnitude but one of the lesser luminaries who played the life of a good and regular New England farmer. From what I can glean from the diversified stories, he was born in the town of North Attleborough, near the Mansfield line, easterly of what was called "Bungay Reservoir" and now more stylishly designated as "Greenwood Lake." In his younger days he was a vender of hollow-ware made in Foxboro, travelling through north-eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island selling his goods. He married Lydia Richardson and lived for a while in the old Noah Cooper house on Pleasant Street, in Attleborough, and thereafter purchased a farm in that part of Mansfield called "Sodom" and with this farm was a grist mill. Not only was the grist mill a source of family revenue, but Emerson turned out mortars for use in grinding salt, coffee, and other materials. From here they moved to Norton, where most of the children were born and raised, this place being on the easterly side of the Wading River, opposite the Braman homestead. Emerson and the boys cut and hauled timber for shipbuilding, most of which was sold for whaling ships at New Bedford. This timber was shipped mostly from the East Norton freight station. He cut enough meadow hay along the Wading River to feed his own cattle and kept the good hay for sale, and hauled timber in the winter time. He was a Quaker by faith attending in his younger years the church in the Sherman Neighborhood in West Mansfield and I understand that he attended the annual meeting of the Quakers at Newport. The story goes that he was disturbed by the local Quakers giving hotel rooms to those visiting Quakers from the South and that the local Quakers were given rooms in private families. He did not attend the annual meetings after that.

"After Lydia Richardson passed away, about 1851, I am informed that the grandfather [Emerson] called in the ten children and either at that time [or later] made provision for all of them by giving home places to the sons, Alfred and Benjamin, and bringing the son, Edmund, to the home place, giving it to Edmund for taking care of the father for the rest of his days. (I am not quite certain whether these gifts were made to the children before Lydia Richardson passed away or not.) The story also goes that sums of money were given to each one of the daughters when they were married and that he reserved \$300.00 for his burial expenses." *

* Emerson Briggs was born in Mansfield, near the North Attleboro line; he attended the Meeting in the Shearman Neighborhood in Mansfield; his wife died in 1858; in 1842 he gave his homestead to his son, Edmund; in 1872 gave a farm in Norton to his son, Benjamin-Skinner; and in 1872 gave a farm in Attleboro to his son, Alfred.

Born in Mansfield in 1784, Emerson was evidently that male under sixteen years, listed in the family of his father, Jacob, who was a resident of that town when the census of 1790 was made. In 1800, he was still in his father's family, being that male listed between the ages of ten and sixteen in the household of Jacob Briggs in the census of that year.

Emerson became of age in December 1805, and in July 1804, was married in Attleboro, being called of Mansfield in his marriage record. It is possible that as Judge Briggs relates above, Emerson lived for a time in Attleboro following his marriage, but not for long, for his eldest son, born in May 1805, was born in Mansfield, and in Emerson's first deed, dated April 1806, he gives his residence as of Mansfield.

The next census, that of 1810, finds Emerson living in Mansfield, with his wife, three children, and another female, perhaps some young relative acting as a helper. This family consisted of one male under ten, one between sixteen and twenty-six, two females under ten, one ten to sixteen, and one female sixteen to twenty-six.

In February 1814, Emerson designates himself in the land records as of Mansfield, and in December 1815 his sixth child was born in Norton, so that between those two deeds he removed to the latter town where he had purchased a farm, as see the abstracts of his deeds which are given later. In 1820, the census lists him as of Norton, with one male under ten, one male ten to sixteen, one male sixteen to twenty-six, and two females under ten, two ten to sixteen, and one female twenty-six to forty-five.

In that record of 1830, "Amason Briggs" had a large family, viz.: one male five to ten, one ten to fifteen, one fifteen to twenty, and one forty to fifty, two females under five, one five to ten, one ten to fifteen, and one female forty to fifty, living still in Norton.

In the census of Norton for 1840, we again find Emerson Briggs, his name correctly spelled this time, with one male fifteen to twenty and one fifty to sixty, two females ten to fifteen, one fifteen to twenty, one twenty to thirty, and one fifty to sixty.

By 1850, the census records become even more valuable as they give names, ages, and state of birth. We know that Edmund had, in 1842, come to the farm in Norton to live and care for his parents and we find him listed with them: Norton, 1850, Emerson Briggs, aged sixty-five, male, a farmer, born in Massachusetts as head of a family which consisted of his wife, Lydia Briggs, aged sixty-four; Edmund Briggs, aged thirty-one, also a farmer; Achsah Ann Briggs, aged thirty-two; Lydia A. Briggs, aged five; Edmund A. Briggs, aged three; Ellen L. Briggs, aged six; Stephen A. Briggs, aged one; and Martha Briggs, aged twenty-one; all born in Massachusetts. Achsah Ann was Edmund's wife, and the little ones their children; Martha was Emerson's youngest child, and still at home as she married in 1851.

(Census Records from Washington, D. C.)

It was not deemed necessary by the compiler to do the later census records; that is, the 1860 and 1870.

Several times we have had occasion to refer to Emerson's land records. His purchases and sales will be found briefly abstracted on the pages following, but perhaps a brief résumé or digest of them may be given here, for to the uninitiated, brief abstracts of deeds make dry reading.

In April 1806, Emerson sold to his brother, Jacob Briggs, Jr., all his rights to his father's real and personal estate and this release was called attention to in the will of the father, Jacob, Sr., made two months later, in June 1806.

Again in April 1806, Emerson purchased of the Slacks of Mansfield, house, grist mill, shop, etc., and some twenty-two acres in Mansfield. This property was sold by two separate deeds in 1813 and 1814. At this time, Emerson removed to Norton, where in 1815 he purchased land of the Nathan Dean estate, and in 1819 he bought of John Hodges part of the Hodges home farm there. This became his home farm and was the same that he and his wife, Lydia, conveyed to their son, Edmund, in 1842, but where he continued to live, and where he was buried in 1873.

Jacob Briggs, Emerson's father died on Christmas Day in 1821, and in the January following, Emerson partook in a deed of settlement with his brother and sisters *re* Jacob's estate. Three years later in 1825, Emerson bought of Pliny Puffer a ninety-acre farm in Norton. In 1826, a brother and sister of Lydia (Richardson) Briggs sold the Richardson homestead in Attleboro, which they had by the will of their father, Seth Richardson, in his will of 1824, to their brother-in-law, Emerson Briggs.

Again in 1826, by a number of deeds, Emerson and his brother, Jacob, bought from the heirs of Eliphaz Day, the Day place in Attleboro, which consisted of house, barn, cider house and mill, and some forty-three acres. Several months later, in 1827, Jacob and Emerson sold this place to David Drake by two deeds, dated March and June of that year.

Ten years later, in 1836, Emerson conveyed some parcels of land to the Boston and Providence Railroad whose rails went through his farm and that same year he sold Stephen S. Shearman land he had bought in 1830. From then on we note several instances in these deeds where Emerson acted as a mortgagee. And in 1837, the estate of Zubulon White sold Emerson farm land in Norton, which bounded on land that Emerson already held there. His deed of gift in 1842 to his son, Edmund, has already been mentioned. In 1849, Emerson bought from the Jarvis Smith heirs a large farm in Norton. This was the farm that he gave to his son, Benjamin-Skinner Briggs, in July 1872. In 1850, Emerson's nephew mortgaged to him the Brintnell property in Mansfield, the mortgage being released in 1853. That

same year, 1853, Emerson bought of Beard and Manuel, further property, in three tracts, in Mansfield, which he sold to his son Edmund the next year, Lydia releasing her rights therein. In 1872, Emerson again sold a small piece of land to his son Edmund, it being in Mansfield and Norton. Some seven months before his death, and on the same date that he gave to his son, Benjamin Skinner Briggs, the Jarvis Smith property in Norton, Emerson Briggs on 10 July 1872, gave to his son, Alfred Briggs, the Richardson property in Attleboro. (*Bristol Deeds.*)

Brief notes on the many land records of Emerson Briggs:

28 Apr. 1806, "we Samuel Slack of Rehoboth and Lewis Slack of Mansfield . . . Gentlemen for . . . one thousand two hundred dollars . . . paid by Emerson Briggs of Mansfield . . . Yeoman . . . convey unto the said Emerson . . . land in Mansfield containing twenty two acres and one half acre . . . with a Grist Mill dwelling house and Smith Shop and other buildings thereon It being part of a Mill lot granted by the Proprietors of Taunton North Purchase." Ruth and Amy Slack release their dower rights. Wit.: Ephraim Starkweather, Jacob Briggs. 29 Apr. 1806, Emerson Briggs grants to Lewis Slack the right of passing through this property and signs. Wit.: Jacob Briggs, Jacob Briggs [Jr.?] (*Bristol Deeds*, 86: 162, 163.)

29 Apr. 1806, "I Emerson Briggs of Mansfield . . . Yeoman for . . . Seven hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Jacob Briggs of Attleborough . . . convey unto the said Jacob . . . All my right . . . into my father Jacob Briggs Estate both real and personal as heir to said Estate." Signed by Emerson Briggs, Lydia Briggs. Wit.: Isaac Skinner. (*Ibid.*, 82: 163.)

20 Sept. 1813, "I Emerson Briggs of Mansfield . . . Yeoman In Consideration of three thousand sixty two dollars fifty cents paid me by Solomon Pratt Esq^r Jacob Briggs Jr Yeoman Phinehas Gline Trader Seth Shepard yeoman Enoch Briggs Yeoman Abraham Crowley Yeoman Luther Cobb machine maker, Timothy Rhoades, machine maker, Alfred Skinner Gentleman all of Mansfield . . . Seth Washburn of Raynham . . . Esq Isaac Hall of Wrentham . . . Blacksmith . . . assign [to them] . . . Twenty one undivided twenty fourth parts of a Certain tract of land in said Mansfield to hold the same as tenants in common with me the said Emerson . . . Containing twenty two acres and one half acre . . . with a Grist mill and two dwelling houses and Smiths shop and all other Buildings thereon it being a part of a Mill lot Granted by the Proprietors of Taunton North Purchase," etc. Lydia Briggs releases her dower rights in same. It is recorded also that Lewis Slack has right to pass through this property. 20 Nov. 1813, Phinehas Gline also passes a deed in regard to this same property. (*Ibid.*, 96: 319.)

15 Feb. 1814, "I Emerson Briggs of Mansfield . . . Yeoman In Consideration of . . . five hundred and five dollars to me in hand paid by Simeon Snow Yeoman and Edward Kingman Gentleman both of said Mansfield . . . sell . . . One undivided twenty fourth part of A Certain tract of land situate in said Mansfield Containing by Estimation twenty two and half acres . . ." Same description as in 96: 319, and same reservation to Lewis Slack. Both Emerson and Lydia Briggs sign this deed. Wit.: Apollos Skinner, Isaac Lane. (*Ibid.*, 97: 275.)

4 Feb. 1815, Nathan Dean of Norton sells to Emerson Briggs of same, two tracts of land there, the first containing forty-five acres and forty-one rods, situated in Norton, on both sides of the road leading from William Wetherell's to Nathan Perry's, as set off in the division of the estate of his father the late Nathan Dean, deceased, and the second tract containing twenty-eight acres on the north side of the said road. That same date, Emerson Briggs also purchased from Jacob and Betsey Graves, their rights to two tracts of Dean land there, being on both sides of the road from William Wetherell's to Nathan Perry's, containing forty-six acres and eighty-eight rods, as set off to the said Betsey Graves from the estate of her father, the late Nathan Dean, deceased, the second tract on the north side of the same road containing five acres, etc. (*Ibid.*, 98: 361, 362.)

7 Feb. 1819, "I John Hodges of Mansfield . . . Gentleman In Consideration of four hundred and fifty dollars and eighteen Cents paid by Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . yeoman . . . do . . . sell . . . the said Emerson Briggs A Certain lot . . . of land It being a part of my Homefarm . . . Situate . . . in the Westerly side of the road leading from the dwelling house of Elisha Hodges to the dwelling house of William Wetherell." Signed by John and Mary Hodges. Wit.: Zeb Skinner, Thomas Skinner. (*Ibid.*, 106: 328.)

28 Jan. 1822, "whereas Jacob Briggs of Mansfield . . . yeoman dec^d made his last will . . . bearing date Seventeenth day of June A.D. 1806 did among other legacies therein contained . . . bequeath unto us Lucylda Brintnell widow of Obed Brintnell late of said Mansfield . . . deceased Seventy five dollars & did . . . bequeath unto me Sally Crowley the wife of Abraham Crowley yeoman of the town . . . aforesaid the Sum of Seventy five dollars and did give and bequeath to me Esther Sarkey (*sic*) the wife of Nathan Sarkey (*sic*) of Troy . . . New Hampshire Yeoman the Sum of twenty five dollars and did give and bequeath to me Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . Yeoman the Sum of one dollar and whereas the s^d Jacob Briggs did in his last will . . . bequeath unto us the aforesaid Lucylda Brintnell, Sally Crowley and Esther Starkey other personal Estate after the decease of our Hon^d Mother Esther Briggs and did . . . constitute Jacob Briggs Sole Executor to s^d last will . . . Now know ye that we the s^d Lucylda Brintnell Abraham Crowley and Sally his wife Nathan Starkey and Esther his wife and Emerson Briggs in consideration of one hundred & twenty five dollars paid to me the s^d Abraham Crowley and Sally his wife . . . and . . . Sixty dollar paid to me the s^d Nathan Starkey and Esther his wife by the s^d Jacob Briggs Executor . . . have had and received . . . all the legacies . . . given . . . unto us by the said . . . will." They all sign this deed. Wit.: Abigail Brintnell, Obadiah Brintnell, Irene Crowley, Benj^a Wittwell, Silas W. Jackson, Briggs Starkey, Abi Briggs. (*Ibid.*, 117: 400, 401.)

27 Mar. 1825, "I Pliny Puffer of Norton . . . Yeoman in consideration of five hundred dollars . . . paid by Emerson Briggs of the same Town . . . Yeoman . . . do . . . sell . . . the said Emerson Briggs A Certain farm situate in said Norton . . . Containing . . . Ninety acres." Signs; wife Lettice Puffer signs by mark. Wit.: Ebenezer Daggett, W^m Witherell. (*Ibid.*, 111: 134.)

29 Apr. 1826, "we Ira Richardson yeoman and Rhoda Richardson single-woman both of Attleborough . . . in consideration of Seventeen hundred &

Sixty five dollars paid by Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . yeoman . . . convey unto the s^d Emerson Briggs a certain farm Sctuated in s^d Attleborough containing one hundred & five acres & ninety three rods . . . together with all the buildings on the same it being the same . . . that was given to us . . . by our father Seth Richardson dec^d in his last Will." Both sign. Wit.: Eben^r Daggett, Justice of the Peace, and Joseph Parmeter, Jr. (*Ibid.*, 119: 378.)

6 Oct. 1826, ". . . we Horace T. Tiffany of North Providence . . . Trader & Maryann Tiffany wife of the said Horace . . . & Julia Day singlewoman of the town . . . aforesaid in Consideration of Two hundred & fifty one dollars & fifty cents paid by Jacob Briggs of . . . Mansfield & Emmerson Briggs of . . . Norton . . . convey unto the said Jacob . . . & Emmerson . . . one undevided fourth part of a dwelling house . . . and is part of the homestead farm of Eliphaz Day late of said Attleborough deceased and is also one undivided half of which was given to the children of Charles Day of said Attleborough by the will of the said Eliphaz." All sign. (*Ibid.*, 124: 267.)

9 Dec. 1826, "I Eliphaz Day of . . . Concord County of Saratoga & State of New York Gentleman in consideration of one hundred and twenty five dollars & seventy five cents paid by Jacob Briggs of . . . Mansfield . . . Emerson Briggs of . . . Norton Yeoman . . . convey unto the said Jacob & Emerson . . . all my right . . . in my late fathers estate Eliphaz Day being one Eighth part of the same situate . . . in Attleborough . . . Massachusetts." His wife, Sophia, releases her rights, 11 Dec. 1826. They sign. (*Ibid.*, 124: 394.)

11 Dec. 1826, "I Jabez Newell & Lydia Newell wife of the said Jabez Newell of . . . Attleborough . . . in consideration of One hundred and twenty five dollars and Seventy five cents paid by Jacob Briggs of . . . Mansfield & Emmerson Briggs of the town of Norton . . . yeoman . . . convey unto the said Jacob . . . & Emmerson . . . all our right . . . in the following . . . premises (being one eighth part . . .) viz a dwelling house and barn Cyder house and Mill with about forty three acres of land . . . and is part of the homestead farm which belonged to Eliphaz Day late of said Attleborough deceased." Both sign. (*Ibid.*, 124: 265.)

11 Dec. 1826, Jabez Newell of Attleboro, authorized by the Court as a guardian of Lucy M. Day, Hariat C. Day and Charles P. Day, minors, at public vendue sells one fourth of a dwelling house, barn, cider house, mill and forty-three acres of land to Jacob Briggs of Mansfield and Emmerson Briggs of Norton for \$250, said property being in Attleborough, and formerly the homestead of Eliphaz Day late of same deceased, and left to the said minors in the last will of said Eliphaz Day, etc. (*Ibid.*, 124: 264.)

16 Dec. 1826, "I Otis Tiffany of the Town of North Providence . . . Esquire and Nancy Tiffany my wife . . . in consideration of one hundred and twenty five dollars and seventy five cents paid by Jacob Briggs of . . . Mansfield and Emmerson Briggs of . . . Norton . . . convey unto the said Jacob . . . and Emmerson . . . all our right . . . in the estate of Eliphaz Day late of . . . Attleborough deceased being one eighth part . . ." Both sign. (*Ibid.*, 124: 266.)

20 Dec. 1826, "I Benjamin Day of the town of scituate . . . Rhode Island Yeoman in consideration of one hundred and twenty five dollars and seventy five cents paid by Jacob Briggs of . . . Mansfield and Emmerson Briggs of . . . Norton . . . convey unto the said Jacob . . . & Emmerson . . . all my right . . . in my late honoured Father Estate [house, barn, cyder house,

mill and 43 acres] . . . in . . . Attleborough . . . part of the homestead farm of my late honoured fathers estate Eliphaz Day late of said Attleborough deceased." Wife, Cynthia Day, releases her dower rights. (*Ibid.*, 124: 267.)

28 Mar. 1827, ". . . we Jacob Briggs of Mansfield and Emmerson Briggs of Norton . . . Yeomen, In Consideration of Eleven hundred thirty seven dollars and fifty Cents by David Drake of Mansfield . . . Labourer . . . paid . . . do . . . sell . . . the said David Drake, A Certain farm situated in Attleborough Containing thirty three acres and three quarters of an acre . . . with all the buildings on the same standing . . . excepting what was devided and set off to Eliphaz Day as his share . . . as heir to the above described farm and buildings which is not sold." Nancy and Lydia Briggs release their rights. All four sign. Witnessed by the Daggetts. (*Ibid.*, 125: 225.)

21 June 1827, "we Jacob Briggs of Mansfield . . . Yeoman, and Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . Yeoman In Consideration of the hundred and twenty five dollars and seventy five Cents . . . paid by David Drake of Attleborough . . . Yeoman . . . do . . . quit claim unto the said David Drake . . . All our right in or unto One eighth part of the Real Estate formerly Eliphaz Days late of said Attleborough deceased situated in said Attleborough and consisting of land and buildings, and is the same premises that we the said Jacob and Emmerson Briggs purchased of Eliphaz Day by a deed of sale dated December the ninth . . . Eighteen hundred and twenty six . . ." Nancy and Lydia Briggs release their dower rights in this. All four sign. Wit.: the Daggetts and Lydia M. Peck. (*Ibid.*, 125: 126.)

1 Apr. 1830, "We Abiather Richardson Jr. of Attleborough . . . Gentleman and Arnold Hopkins of Providence Rhode Island Yeoman in consideration of Fourteen hundred and twenty dollars paid by Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . yeoman . . . sell . . . the said Emerson Briggs . . . three certain lots of land situated in Mansfield the first lot lyeth on the east side of the road leading from Otis Sweets to George Coddings & contains thirty acres . . . with all the buildings on the same . . . The Second lot contains five acres . . . The third lot containing ten acres . . ." Sally Richardson and Eliza Hopkins release their rights. All four sign. Wit.: Stephen Sherman, Stephen Sherman. (*Ibid.*, 129: 417.)

12 Apr. 1830, "I Preston Hodges of Providence . . . Innholder in consideration of three hundred and fifty dollars paid by Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . Yeoman . . . do . . . sell the said Emerson Briggs a certain tract . . . of land situated in Mansfield containing fifteen acres." Lydia releases her rights. Both sign. Wit.: Eben^r Daggett, Otis Sweet Jr. (*Ibid.*, 129: 418.)

1 Jan. 1831, "We Knight Day Yeoman Wealthy Brintnell Widow and Chloe Brintnell Singlewoman all of Mansfield . . . in consideration of Forty Eight dollars paid by Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . Yeoman . . . sell to the said Emerson Briggs A Certain lot of Land situated in said Mansfield Containing Eight Acres." Martha, wife of Knight Day, releases her rights. They sign; the Brintnells make their marks. Wit.: Ebenezer Daggett, Roxana Witherell. (*Ibid.*, 130: 532.)

28 Apr. 1836, "I Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . in consideration of Seven hundred and ninety five dollars to me by the Boston & Providence Rail Road Corporation . . . paid . . . sell . . . the said . . . Corporation . . . two certain pieces of Land situated in . . . Mansfield . . . being the same two

lots of land whereon said Company have . . . established their Rail Road . . . both together contain . . . two acres twenty & four tenths rods . . . It being understood . . . that the said Corporation shall erect . . . all necessary fences between the lands of the Grantor & the land taken for said Rail Road And that the said Grantor . . . doth relinquish all damages for Land & earth and gravel taken from about one acre & one quarter & twenty seven rods & twenty three yards of Land of the Grantor for spoil banks & also all other damage done by the location & construction of said Rail Road." Lydia releases her rights. Both sign. Wit.: Allen Hunt, Edmund Briggs. (*Ibid.*, 149: 495.)

2 July 1836, "I Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . in consideration of Two Thousand & five hundred dollars paid by Stephen S. Shearman of Mansfield . . . Yeoman . . . convey unto the said Shearman a certain farm situate in said Mansfield . . . sixty five acres . . . together with the buildings thereon . . . it being land that I purchased of . . . Abiathar Richardson, Arnold Hopkins, Preston Hodges, Knight Day, Wealthy Brintnell and Chloe Brintnell." Lydia Briggs releases her dower rights in said land. They both sign. Wit.: Crom^l Leonard, Justice of the Peace, and Lauritta Briggs. The grantee was of course Emerson's son-in-law. (*Ibid.*, 150: 293.)

28 Apr. 1837, "I Marcus Williams of Mansfield . . . Gentleman in consideration of Two Thousand paid by Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . Gentleman . . . convey unto the said Emerson . . . All the Real Estate Sctuate in said Mansfield which was conveyed to me by my late father John Williams dec^d by two deeds . . . Also all the Real Estate conveyed to me by my brother John Williams—Also all the Real Estate conveyed to my by David Williams & Cynthia Williams wife of the said David by two deeds . . . with all the Machinery in my Cotton Mill . . . in Mansfield." This was a mortgage. On this date Williams also conveyed to Jacob Briggs of Mansfield. Written on the margin is a release dated 18 Mar. 1847, and bearing the autograph of "Emerson Briggs." In those times it was often customary for the release to be written right on the margin by the mortgage and signed by the mortgagee. (*Ibid.*, 154: 175.)

16 Sept. 1837, "I Elkanah Wood of Norton . . . as I am Administrator of the estate of Zebulon White late of said Town . . . deceased . . . in consideration of Eight hundred and fifty five dollars & Seventy nine cents to me paid by Emerson Briggs of the same . . . convey unto the said Emerson . . . land . . . in . . . Norton" This was partly bounded by land of the said Briggs. Signs. (*Ibid.*, 155: 543.)

2 Mar. 1838, The Directors of the N. E. Pacific Bank of North Providence, for \$4,000 paid to them by Emerson Briggs of Norton and Jacob Briggs of Mansfield discharge a mortgage, etc. (*Ibid.*, 155: 541.)

29 Aug. 1842, "I Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . Yeoman in consideration of the love and good will I have and do bear for my dutifull son Edmund Briggs . . . give . . . the said Edmund Briggs all my homestead farm whereon I now live containing by estimation one hundred and seventy two acres of Land together with all the buildings thereon, also one other lot of land which I purchased of John Hodges, containing thirty two acres and twenty five rods." Lydia Briggs his wife quits her dower rights. Both sign. Wit.: Jarvis Smith, William Sweet, Elkanah Wheeler. (*Ibid.*, 322: 179.)*

* Recorded 15 May 1872; reference made to deeds in 98: 361, 362; 106: 328; 155: 543.

19 Nov. 1842, "I Welcome Skinner of Mansfield . . . yeoman in consideration of five hundred dollars paid me by Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . yeoman . . . sell the said Emerson . . . land with the buildings thereon standing situated in said Mansfield and Attleborough." A mortgage. Signed by Welcome and Mary Skinner. Wit.: Albert Witherell, Stephen S. Sherman. Emerson receipts and the mortgage discharged, 31 Mar. 1848. (*Ibid.*, 169: 163.)

8 Aug. 1843, "I Zebina Smith of Attleborough . . . Yeoman In consideration of Five hundred dollars paid by Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . yeoman . . . do . . . sell . . . the said Emerson Briggs . . . a farm lying in Rehoboth with all the buildings thereon . . . containing fifty acres." A mortgage. Lydia releases. They both sign. Wit.: Elkanah Briggs, Sam^l N. Carpenter. Emerson receipts and mortgage discharged 11 Aug. 1844. (*Ibid.*, 168: 489.)

9 July 1849, "I Cromwell Leonard of Norton, as guardian to Mary, Ellen F. and Jervis E. Smith, minor children of Jarvis Smith late of Norton, deceased, convey to Emerson Briggs of said town, for \$1372.20, property in Norton, with the exception of the rights of Mrs. Adaline Wetherell wife of Stillman Wetherell another heir to the Smith estate, being in all seventy one acres." Stillman and Adaline Wetherell then convey their rights in same, on the same date, the property all being in the westerly part of Norton, on the Taunton and Worcester Road, etc. (*Ibid.*, 196: 250.)

16 Apr. 1850, "we Obadiah Brintnell and my wife Adriana of Foxboro . . . yeoman" for \$567.24 paid them by "Emerson Briggs of Norton," mortgages to the said Briggs, land and buildings in Mansfield, being the real estate of which Obadiah Brintnell died seized of, late of Mansfield deceased. "Idrianna" releases her rights. The mortgage was released on the margin and signed by Emerson Briggs, 14 Apr. 1853. (*Ibid.*, 196: 248.)

16 Nov. 1853, "We William A. Beard and Willard Manuel both of Mansfield . . . in consideration of Eight hundred Eighty dollars & seventy five cts paid by Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . sell . . . the said Emerson Briggs Three several tracts of land situated in . . . Mansfield. Harriet B. Beard and Louisa Manuel release their rights. All four sign. Wit.: W^m B. Bates. (*Ibid.*, 322: 174.)

30 Nov. 1854, "I Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . yeoman, In consideration of nine hundred and twenty three dollars paid by Edmund Briggs of said Norton . . . yeoman . . . sell . . . the said Edmund Briggs all the land and dwelling house thereon which I purchased of William A. Beard and Willard Manuel situated in Mansfield." Wife Lydia releases. Wit.: Stephen S. Sherman, Edmund A. Briggs. Recorded 27 July 1872. (*Ibid.*, 324: 136.)

1 July 1856, "I John Shaw of Norton . . . in consideration of eighty dollars to me paid by Emmerson Briggs of said Norton . . . quit-claim unto the said Emmerson Briggs . . . a certain parcel of land situate in Mansfield [bounded by John Hall and Timothy Fisher] conveyed to me" 9 June 1856 by the Deputy Sheriff. Wife Polly Shaw releases. Both sign. Wit.: B. Sanford, G. B. Shaw. Recorded 2 Nov. 1909. (*Ibid.*, 639: 515.)

25 June 1872, "I Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . in consideration of Two hundred twenty two dollars & forty three cents . . . paid by Edmund Briggs of Norton . . . yeoman . . . sell to the said Edmund Briggs a piece of wood land situated partly in Mansfield and partly in said Norton . . . containing

about Eight acres." Signs. Wit.: Joseph W. Capron, Edmund A. Briggs. (*Ibid.*, 324: 137.)

10 July 1872, "I Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . in consideration of love and good will to my son . . . Benjamin S. Briggs my son of the Town . . . aforesaid . . . sell and convey unto the said Benjamin S. Briggs several tracts of land situate in Norton . . . being all the premises conveyed to me by the heirs of Jarvis Smith, late of Norton, deceased." Signs. Wit.: Joseph W. Capron, Edmund A. Briggs. (*Ibid.*, 324: 180.)

10 July 1872, "I Emerson Briggs of Norton . . . in consideration of Love and Good Will toward to (*sic*) my son . . . Alfred Briggs of Attleborough . . . convey unto the said Alfred Briggs my son, a tract of land with all the Buildings . . . thereon, situate in said Attleborough . . . containing 105 acres and 93 rods." Signs. Wit.: Joseph W. Capron, Edmund Briggs. (*Ibid.*, 324: 261.)

With this careful settlement of his estate by land records we are not surprised to find that Emerson Briggs left no will, and that there was no further settlement of his property recorded in the Probate Court, there being no need of this.

Of his eleven children, ten reached maturity and marriage and it is certainly fitting that his and their descendants should cause this brief account of his life to be compiled.

The first reunion of this Briggs Family was held in 1901 at the Richardson homestead in Attleboro, and at this time a sketch of Emerson and Lydia (Richardson) Briggs was read by their granddaughter, Lidora E. Briggs.*

"Francis Richardson was the first white man to settle here. He came from Woburn with his young wife toward the close of the 17th century. When Francis Richardson was gathered to his fathers, he left his estate to his son, Seth Richardson. His son, Seth Richardson, Jr., married Sarah French. From this ancestral home four men were Revolutionary soldiers. After a simple wedding ceremony, with five brothers and five sisters present to make it merry, Emerson Briggs, not quite 20 years old, and his wife, Lydia, hardly 17, went forth into the world to make a new home. Lydia Richardson was small of stature, had delicate, regular features and gray blue eyes. She was a very lovable, as well as a most remarkable women. I have heard of other women as unselfish, others as greatly attached to their kindred, others as industrious, but for great, big heartedness, for Christ-like, loving sympathy she stands alone. Some of you can remember when the braiding of straw braid in the homes took the place of the spinning and weaving of the previous century. By means of this industry children were educated, and many of the comforts of life were brought into the homes. To Lydia Richardson belongs the honor of introducing the braiding of straw braid into Bristol county. She lived to be 71 years old, and when asked where she would like to be buried, replied 'that when the spirit had left the body she cared not what became of the clay.' Emerson Briggs lived 87 years, not quite as long as his mother, who reached the advanced age of 100 years and nine months. He had strong features re-

* Not all these assertions as to the Richardson ancestry are correct.

sembling Henry Clay. He was tall and straight, measuring six feet two inches. A man proud of his integrity but not of his clothes. He was a man of good judgment, being called on frequently to appraise the value of estates and settle boundary lines. In old age he was gentle and affectionate and appreciative of all that was done for him. One day his oldest son, Benjamin, came into the house to tell him that some new carriages were to run between Boston and Providence drawn by steam on iron ruts. In a very emphatic manner the son was told not to repeat such nonsense. He lived to send, with the aid of his sons, many loads of ship timber to New Bedford over these iron rails.

"Emerson Briggs was born in 1784, one year after our treaty of peace with England. Fully imbued with the Quaker faith in which they were trained, his ten children, three boys and seven girls, went forth to homes of their own."

(*"Attleboro Sun,"* issue of 29 June 1920.)

Born at the close of the Revolutionary War of a father who had served both under the King, and Washington, Emerson Briggs lived at a remarkable time in the world's history. As a young man he must have heard much of Canada and Valley Forge, and joined himself in talk of the treatment accorded the young American Merchant Marine by old England, which culminated in the War of 1812. He lived during that great period of expansion and exploration that colonized the west and caused the Mexican War of 1848. He also witnessed the struggles of the Abolitionist Cause with its final outcome, that most terrible of all wars, a civil war. And his span of life even touched the gigantic growth of industrialism, which had its beginnings in the early seventies. Born in the eighteenth century, Emerson was of a period when the trade was conducted in the home, he later was to see the rise of the factory system with all its benefits and all its hardships, and the coming of the steel rail with its tremendous impetus towards the strength achieved by that very system.

We must recall also that Emerson had in him the memories of nearly a century and a half, for his mother born in 1741 very nearly rounded a hundred years. And also that Emerson's own grandfather's grandfather, for Seth was about twenty when his grandfather died, came from England, the mother country, at the very beginnings of this New England. Seth lived to pass down these memories to his son, Jacob, and to Jacob's wife, Esther (Skinner) Briggs, who in her turn, lived until Emerson's youngest child, Martha-Cora Briggs, was over twelve years of age. It is no wonder that the New England traditions of simple living, straight thinking, and sturdy action had been part of Emerson's inheritance, and which he in his turn, passed on to his children and their descendants.

From the original Friends Records of the Smithfield Meeting, one would judge that Lydia and some of her children remained of that Faith, even though Emerson, the husband and father, had withdrawn about 1848, and was later disowned by that Meeting. Not trusting

to the inaccuracies of the printed records,* the compiler had the following records copied from the originals, now at the Moses Brown School in Providence:

“Briggs, Emerson born—

Lydia, his wife, died, aged 71y 20d 6m 1858

Edmund, of Emerson and Lydia, 22d 4m 1818

d. 1883

Sarah, of Emerson and Lydia, 22d 4m 1821

Alfred, of Emerson and Lydia, 19d 7m 1823

Martha, of Emerson and Lydia, 24d 9m 1828

Benjamin Joseph, of Benjamin S., 24d 8m 1833

Elizabeth Caroline, of Benjamin S., 3d 6m 1835

Louisa Amanda, of Benjamin S., 13d 5m 1837

Alfred, of Benjamin S., 20d 3m 1843

Seth Richardson, of Benjamin S., 19d 2m 1847.”

The following marriages are taken from Arnold's Rhode Island Vital Records, volume 7, page 163, and will be checked later with the Friends Records:

“Briggs, Abi and Stephen S. Shearman, 7d 5m 1829

Louisa and Jonathan Cowen Jr., 1d 5m 1834

Betsey and Seth C. Hiller 2d 1m 1834

Sarah and Peter D. Slade 6d 1m 1842”

Emerson and his wife were buried on the home place in Norton, but about ten or more years ago, when this property was sold from the family, the remains were removed to the Spring Brook Cemetery in Mansfield. A copy of the inscriptions on their stones as sent by the superintendent of that cemetery follow:

“Emerson Briggs
Born 12 Mo 10 day 1784
Died 2 Mo 16 day 1873
Aged 88 yrs 2 Mo
6 days”

“Lydia Briggs
Born 1 Mo 31 day 1787
died 7 Mo 21— 1858
Aged 71 yrs 5 mo
20 days”†

The original stones were reset to their memories in the burial plot of Edmund Briggs in Spring Brook Cemetery at Mansfield. They are in true Friendly form, giving the number of the month and day.

It is possible that by a careful examination of the Norton Town Records from 1814 to 1872 some further information about Emerson Briggs might be gained. How he received his given name is still a mystery.

* By Arnold.

† Of course these inscriptions and others of the family will appear in the completed Mansfield Vital Records.



NO PICTURE WAS FOUND OF BENJAMIN SKINNER BRIGGS, B. 1805, D. 1881, SO THE PICTURE OF BENJAMIN'S
AND CAROLINE'S CHILDREN IS INSERTED HEREIN

Children of Emerson and Lydia (Richardson) Briggs:*

2. i. BENJAMIN-SKINNER⁶, b. 11 May 1805, Mansfield; m. CAROLINE COWEN.
3. ii. ABI, b. 11 Jan. 1807, Mansfield; m. STEPHEN-SAMPSON SHERMAN.
4. iii. BETSEY, b. 9 Jan. 1809, Mansfield; m. SETH-COWEN HILLER.
- iv. Child, b. 31 Aug. 1811, Mansfield, d. 7 Nov. 1811, Mansfield.
5. v. LOUISA, b. 18 May 1813, Mansfield; m. JONATHAN COWEN, JR.
6. vi. LOURITTA-ROSAMOND, b. 7 Dec. 1815, Norton; m. STIMPSON HARVEY.
7. vii. EDMUND, b. 4 July 1818, Norton; m. ACHSAH-ANN PERRY.
8. viii. SARAH, b. 22 Apr. 1821, Norton; m. PETER-DAVIS SLADE.
9. ix. ALFRED, b. 19 July 1823, Norton; m. POLLY-THRASHER SHAW.
10. x. LYDIA-ADELINE, b. 18 Oct. 1825, Norton; m. DANIEL-PETER WHITING, JR.
11. xi. MARTHA-CORA, b. 24 Sept. 1828, Norton; m. WILLIAM-HENRY CODDING.

2. BENJAMIN SKINNER⁶ BRIGGS (*Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴ *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., 11 May 1805, died in Rochester, Plymouth County, Mass., 11 Dec. 1881, aged seventy-six years and seven months. He married in Rochester,† 1 June 1831, CAROLINE COWEN, born there 19 Aug. 1809, died in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., 11 July 1878, aged sixty-eight years, ten months, and twenty-two days, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Luce) Cowen, the former born in Rochester, the latter born in Marthas Vineyard, and sister of Jonathan Cowen, Jr., who married Louisa⁶ Briggs, sister of Benjamin-Skinner⁶ Briggs.

Benjamin-Skinner Briggs, the eldest child of Emerson and Lydia (Richardson) Briggs, lived in that part of Rochester which was known as Mattapoisett, and which in 1857 was set off from Rochester as a separate town. Between 1847 and 1850 he removed with his family to Norton, where his father was then living, and remained in Norton until after his wife's death.

He was a Quaker and, as we have seen under his father's account, his birth and the births of his five children are recorded in the Friends Records of the Smithfield Meeting. Again his birth, and that of his eldest daughter, are recorded with the Society of Friends, New Bedford Meeting. From the records of the former meeting we note that, 28 Apr. 1831, he was granted a certificate of clearness to proceed in marriage with a member of the New Bedford Meeting. (*Friends Records*.)

As were so many in those days, Benjamin-Skinner Briggs was a farmer. His wife's mother and grandmother were prominent leaders

* The death records of all the above children, give their place of birth, and in every instance it is stated that their father, Emerson, was born in Mansfield.

† His marriage is also recorded in New Bedford, Bristol County, Mass. (*Friends Record*).

in the Friends Meetings. It has been stated by a descendant that following his marriage Benjamin-Skinner Briggs lived for a few years in the Seth Richardson house in Attleboro, Mass., and that his two eldest children were born in that town, yet the Rochester Vital Records give these children as being born in Rochester, and their births are not of record in Attleboro.

The census of 1850 places "Benjamin S. Briggs" as a resident of Norton, aged forty-five, with wife Caroline aged forty-one, Benjamin-J., aged sixteen, Elizabeth-C., aged fourteen, Louisa-A., aged thirteen, Alfred aged seven, and Seth-R., aged three, all born in Massachusetts. They are all also listed in Norton in the State Census of 1855, the census of 1850 being a United States Government Census. (*U. S. Census Bureau.*)

In 1872, Emerson Briggs gave various lands to his sons, among these deeds was a deed of gift to his son Benjamin-S. Briggs of Norton of several tracts of land there, being the premises conveyed to Emerson by the heirs of Jarvis Smith. This was dated 10 July 1872, one of the witnesses being Edmund-A. Briggs. (*Bristol Deeds, 324: 180.*)

The land records of Benjamin-Skinner Briggs and his wife, Caroline, have not been examined in either Bristol or Plymouth Counties. There is no settlement of their estates on record in either of these counties.

The following State Records anent their deaths are of interest:*

Norton, 11 July 1878, death of Caroline (Cowen) Briggs, female, married, aged 68-10-22, residence and death in Norton, born in Mattapoisett, of Jonathan Cowen, born same, and Elizabeth ———, born in Marthas Vineyard. (*301: 128.*)

Mattapoisett, 11 July 1878, death of Caroline (Cowen) Briggs, wife of Benjamin-S. Briggs, aged 68-10-22, residence and death in Norton, born in Rochester, of Jonathan Cowen, born same, and Elizabeth Luce, born in Tisbury. (*302: 287.*)

Rochester, 11 Dec. 1881, death of Benjamin Briggs, male, widowed, aged 76-7, residence and death in Rochester, born in Mansfield, of Emerson Briggs born same, and Lydia Richardson, born same (*sic*). (*329: 334.*)

Children, births of all but Alfred, recorded in Rochester:

12. i. BENJAMIN-JOSEPH[†], b. 24 July 1833[†]; m. EMILY-WEAR CODDING.
13. ii. ELIZABETH-CAROLINE, b. 3 June 1835[†]; m. JOSEPH-WADSWORTH CLARK.
14. iii. LOUISA-AMANDA, b. 13 May 1837; m. NOAH-PERRIN COOPER.
- iv. ALFRED, b. 20 Mar. 1843 (birth recorded in New Bedford, as 20 Mar. 1842, he was probably born in Rochester), d. 16 Feb. 1931, Fox-

* Caroline (Cowen) Brigg's death is recorded twice, in Norton and in Mattapoisett.

† It is claimed that these two eldest children were born in Attleboro, but they are not recorded there.





ABI BRIGGS SHERMAN

B. 1807, D. 1901

boro, Mass.; m. 7 Mar. 1875, Middleboro, Mass., FIDELIA-ADELAIDE PIERCE, b. 26 Mar. 1844, Middleboro, d. 17 June 1916, Attleboro, dau. of Eli and Fidelia (Ryder) Pierce. Child (Briggs), b. Norton, *Amy-Pierce*, b. 9 Dec. 1876, d. unmarried 12 Apr. 1906, Franklin, Mass., a school teacher.

15. v. SETH-RICHARDSON, b. 19 Feb. 1847 (birth also recorded in New Bedford); m. MARTHA-ANN-KENNEDY SHEPARD.

3. ABI⁶ BRIGGS (*Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., 11 Jan. 1807, died there, 11 Apr. 1901, testate, aged ninety-four years and three months. She married, according to the records of the Smithfield Meeting, 7 May 1829, STEPHEN-SAMPSON SHERMAN, born in Foxboro, Norfolk County, Mass., 13 Aug. 1807, died in Mansfield, testate, 1 Jan. 1875, aged sixty-eight years, five months, and seventeen days, son of Stephen and Lucinda (Skinner) Sherman, the former born in Foxboro, the latter born in Mansfield.

Abi (Briggs) Sherman was received as a member into the Smithfield Meeting of Friends, in 1822, both her parents being members at the time. According to the records of this Meeting:

Stephen Sampson Shearman, born 13-6-1806 (*sic*).

Orra Eveline of Stephen S. and Abi B., born 21-9-1837, and died 3-3-1852.

Stephen Emerson of same, born 15-4-1830.

Herbert Rogers of same, born 16-9-1839

"Above family were of Mansfield."

Stephen S., of Foxboro, Mass., son of Stephen and Lucinda, and Abie Briggs of Emerson and Lydia of Norton, Mass., married 7-5-1829.

(*Arnold's R. I. Vital Records.*)

Stephen-Sampson Sherman purchased of his father-in-law, Emerson Briggs of Norton, 2 July 1836, a sixty-five acre farm in Mansfield, with the buildings on it, and in this deed he is called "of Mansfield." Lydia, Emerson's wife, released her dower rights in this property, and one of the witnesses was Louritta Briggs, Abi's sister. (*Bristol Deeds, 150: 293.*)

The other land records of Stephen-Sampson Sherman and his wife, Abi, have not been examined.

In 1850, "Stephen S. Shearman" was listed as head of a family in Mansfield, aged forty-three years, a farmer, worth \$2,500 and born in Massachusetts. The other members of his household were: his wife, Abi-B., aged forty-three, Stephen-E., aged twenty, Lydia-A., aged fifteen, Orra-E., aged twelve and Herbert-R., aged five twelfths of a year, all born in Massachusetts. With them was living a Susan Laughren, aged fifteen, born in New York, probably a servant. (*U. S. Census Bureau.*)

1 Jan. 1875, Mansfield, death of Stephen-S. Sherman, male married, aged 68-5-17, residence and death in Mansfield, farmer by occupation, born in Foxboro, of Stephen Sherman, born same, and Lucinda ———, born in Mansfield. (*Mass. State Records*, 274: 117.)

11 Apr. 1901, Mansfield, death of Abi (Briggs) Sherman, female, widow, aged 94-3, residence and death in Mansfield, buried in Sherman Cemetery, Foxboro, born in Mansfield, of Emerson Briggs, born same, and Lydia Richardson, born unknown. (*Ibid.*, 516: 274.)

It was represented, 11 Jan. 1875, by Abi-B. Sherman, that Stephen-S. Sherman died 1 Jan. 1875 in Mansfield, the heirs being the said widow, Abi-B. Sherman of same, sons Stephen-E. Sherman of Milwaukee, Wis., and Herbert-Roger Sherman of Mansfield, Lydia-A. Newhall of Walpole, Mass., a daughter, and her husband, Charles Newhall. He had left the following will, dated 24 Apr. 1875:

“I Stephen S. Sherman of Mansfield . . . yeoman being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament . . . I give and bequeath to my son Stephen E. Sherman . . . to my daughter Lydia Newhall . . . to my son Herbert . . . to my beloved wife Abi B. Sherman . . . appoint my wife Abi B. Sherman sole executrix . . .” Signed; witnessed by John-S. Briggs, Jameson Pitman, and John Janes.

The bond of executorship was dated 19 Feb. 1875, the sureties being Jonathan Cowen of Fairhaven, Mass., and John-S. Briggs of Mansfield, for the executrix as named. (*Bristol Probate*, 5276.)

The widow dated her will 4 July 1888, a brief abstract of which follows:

“I Abi B. Sherman of Mansfield . . . do make this my last will and testament . . . I give and bequeath to My Son in law Mark James and my Daughter Lydia A. James . . . [provides for her son Herbert-Rogers Sherman] . . . to my son Stephen E. Sherman . . . I hereby appoint Mark James and Lydia A. James to be the Executors . . .”

She signed this will, which was witnessed by Mary-H. Sherman, Betsey Sweet, and Sally-H. Daniels.

Mark-E. James and Lydia-A. James, both of Mansfield, presented 29 Apr. 1901, that Abi-B. Sherman died in Mansfield, 11 Apr. 1901, the next of kin being: the said Lydia-A. James of Mansfield, a daughter; Stephen-E. Sherman of Milwaukee, Wis., a son; and Herbert-R. Sherman of Mansfield a son.

The executors as named in the will served with Stephen-A., and Edmund-A. Briggs, both of Attleboro as their bondsmen, the bond being dated 23 May 1901. (*Ibid.*, 17604.)

Abi (Briggs) Sherman and her husband were buried in the Sherman lot in the Quaker Hill Burying Ground.

Children (Sherman) born in Mansfield:





BETSEY BRIGGS HILLER

B. 1809, D. 1878

- i. STEPHEN-EMERSON ⁷ SHERMAN, b. 15 Apr. 1830, d. 24 Nov. 1902, Milwaukee, Wis., an auctioneer and sometimes known as Emerson Sherman; m. ———, SUSAN ———. They had a *son* who was a surgeon and lived at one time in Chicago, Ill., now deceased; nothing further known.
- ii. LYDIA-ABI SHERMAN, b. 17 May 1834, living 1901, Mansfield; m. (1), 15 Jan. 1856, Foxborough, Mass., CHARLES-S. NEWHALL, b. 1835, Sterling, Mass., son of David Newhall; m. (2), as his second wife, 12 Aug. 1882, Mansfield, MARK-E. JAMES, b. 1833, England, living 1901, son of Joseph and Mary James. Child (Newhall), *Alice*; m. ——— Broadhurst, had (a) Grace Broadhurst, who m. (1), ——— ———, and (2), Frank Sharpe, s.p.; (b) Harry Broadhurst, living 1931, Brookline, Mass., who m. Christiana ———, and had five children, will not send information.
- iii. ORA-EVELINE SHERMAN, b. 21 Sept. 1837, d. unmarried 3 Mar. 1852.
- iv. HERBERT-ROGERS SHERMAN, b. 16 Sept. 1849, d. unmarried 26 Apr. 1902, Mansfield, no estate recorded in Probate Registry.

4. BETSEY ⁶ BRIGGS (*Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., 9 Jan. 1809, died in Mattapoisett, Plymouth County, Mass., 14 Dec. 1878, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months, and five days. She married, probably in Norton, 2 Jan. 1834, according to the Smithfield Meeting Records, SETH-COWEN HILLER, born in Rochester, Plymouth County, Mass., 4 Jan. 1800, died there, 26 Oct. 1844, aged forty-four years, nine months, and twenty-two days, son of Isaac and Patience (Cowen) Hiller.

Before her marriage, Betsey Briggs taught school in Rochester and there became acquainted with her husband. She had been received into the Friends Society in 1822 and he had been a birthright member in the same.

They lived in that section of Rochester then known as Mattapoisett Village, which in 1857 was established as a separate town. Seth was a ship carpenter, and also contracted for split stone. He was buried in the Friends Cemetery there.

In 1850, Betsey Hiller, aged forty-one, worth \$3,000 was living in the family of Ruth Nye aged eighty-five, in Rochester, both born in Massachusetts. With them were listed Betsey's children, Betsey B., aged twelve, Mathew aged ten, Edward-B., aged eight, and Lillburn Hiller aged six, all born in Massachusetts. (*U. S. Census Bureau.*)

14 Dec. 1878, Mattapoisett, death of Betsy (Briggs) Hiller, female widow, aged 69-11-5, residence and death in Mattapoisett, born in Attleborough (*sic*), of Emerson Briggs, born in Mansfield, and Lydia Richardson, born in Attleborough. (*Mass. State Records*, 302: 287.)

The land records of Seth-Cowen Hiller and those of his widow, Betsey, have not been examined.

An administration was granted upon the estate of Seth-C. Hiller,

late of Rochester, deceased, 17 Feb. 1845, to the widow, Betsey Hiller, of said town, who had Barnabas Hiller and Josiah Holmes, Jr., both of Rochester, as her bondsmen. All three sign this bond. The inventory, made 29 Jan. 1845, mentions the homestead farm of Isaac Hiller, deceased, which included a right of reversion in the widow Patience Hiller's thirds. (*Plymouth Probate, 10133.*)

There are no records of guardianships for the children, although they were all minors at the time of their father's decease.

The widow, Betsey (Briggs) Hiller, survived her husband some thirty-four years and did not remarry. She also died intestate. Her estate contains the following:

"This is to certify that we the surviving children of our beloved mother the late Betsey Hiller, who deceased on the 14th instant, hereby make choice of our youngest brother Lilburne Hiller, to administer upon the estate of the aforesaid, Betsey Hill, & widow of our beloved father, the late Seth C. Hiller who died 10th

Mo 26th-1844 Thomas Luce

Mattapoisett Mass Betsey B. Luce

12th mo 19th 1878 Matthew Hiller

Edward B. Hiller" [written in handwriting of Edward B. Hiller.]

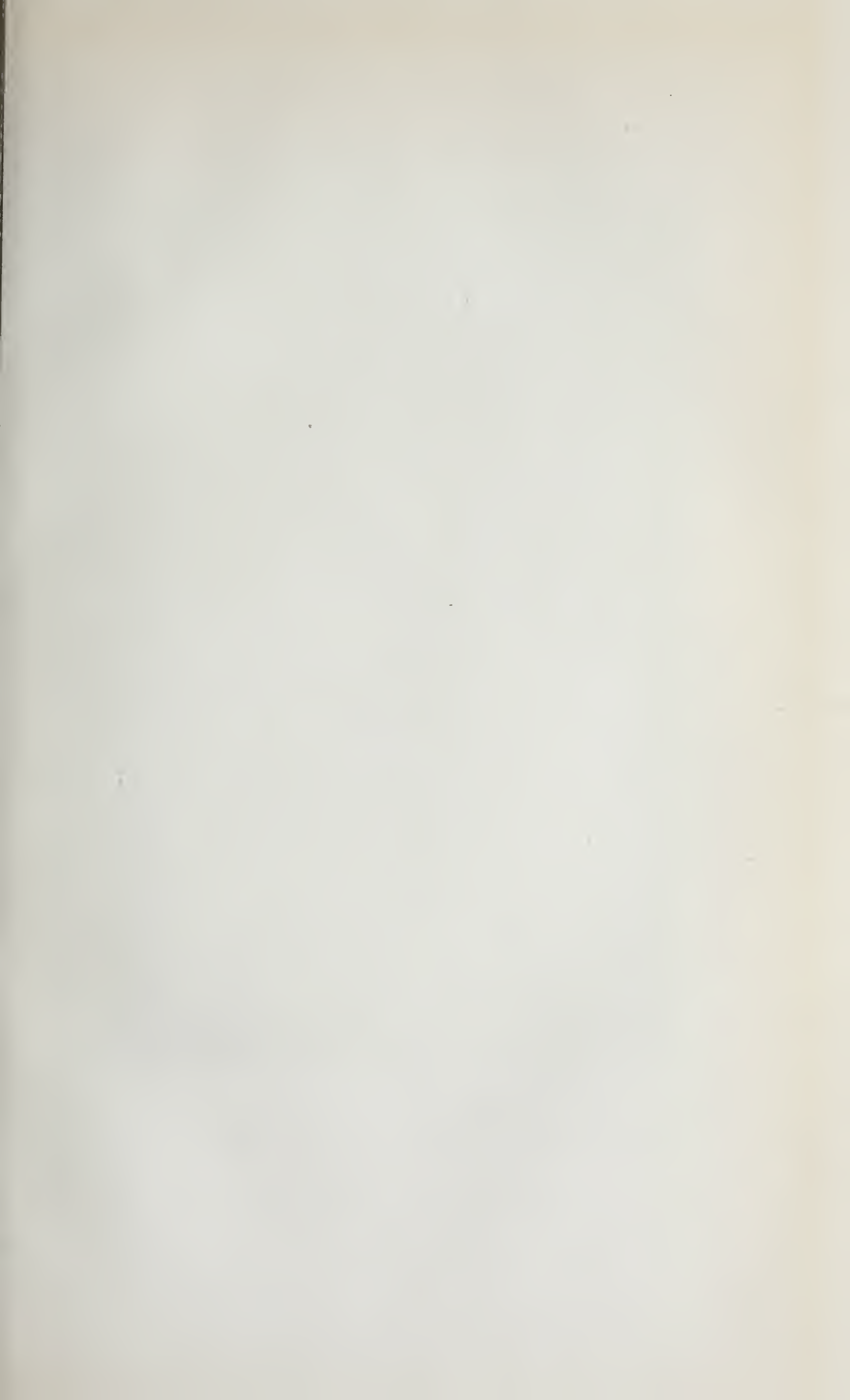
7 Jan. 1879, Lilburne Hiller of Mattapoisett presents that Betsey Hiller died there, 14 Dec. 1878, her next of kin being Betsey-B. Luce, wife of Thomas Luce of same, a daughter; Matthew Hiller of Bradford, Pa., a son; Edward-B. Hiller of Mattapoisett, a son; and the said petitioner, Lilburne Hiller, a son.

Lilburne Hiller was appointed the administrator, with Alonzo-M. Jenney and "Johnathan" Hiller, both of Mattapoisett, as his sureties, 7 Jan. 1879. (*Ibid.*, 10105.)

Children (Hiller), born in Rochester:

- i. DAVID-SANDS ⁷ HILLER, b. 20 Oct. 1835, d. 22 Feb. 1840, aged 5.
- ii. EMERSON-BRIGGS HILLER, b. 2 Mar. 1837, d. 17 Oct. 1837.
- iii. BETSEY-BRIGGS HILLER, b. 20 Mar. 1838, d. s.p. 19 Apr. 1919, ae 83, Mattapoisett; m. there, 12 May 1858, THOMAS LUCE *, b. there, 16 Dec. 1818, d. there, 13 July 1911, son of James and Lydia (Nye) Luce.
16. iv. MATTHEW HILLER, b. 9 Mar. 1840; m. BEURETTA-WEBSTER HAMMOND and MARY-IDA ROCKEFELLER.
17. v. EDWARD-BURROUGH HILLER, b. 11 July 1842; m. RUTH-HOWES NICKERSON.
- vi. LILBURNE HILLER, b. 23 Apr. 1844, living unm. 1931, Mattapoisett. He lived on his grandfather Isaac Hiller's property, to which he added other lands including the Oliver-Wendell Holmes place, and developed the summer colony known as Crescent Beach.

* At the time of his marriage he was a mariner, and gave his residence as San Francisco, Calif.





LOUISA BRIGGS COWEN

B. 1813, D. 1891

5. LOUISA ⁶ BRIGGS (*Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., 18 May 1813, died in Fairhaven *, Bristol County, Mass., testate, 10 Mar. 1891, aged seventy-seven years, seven months. She married, probably in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., 1 May 1834, according to the Smithfield Meeting Records, JONATHAN COWEN, JR., born in Rochester, Plymouth County, Mass., 6 May 1811, died in Mattapoisett, Plymouth County, Mass., testate, 7 Mar. 1884, aged seventy-two years, nine months, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Luce) Cowen, and brother of Caroline Cowen who married Benjamin-Skinner ⁶ Briggs, brother of Louisa Briggs.

Louisa (Briggs) Cowen settled with her husband in Fairhaven, and were probably members of the Friends Society of New Bedford. In the census of 1850 for Fairhaven, Jonathan Cowen is listed as the head of a family consisting of himself aged thirty-nine, farmer, worth \$1,500, wife Loisa-B., aged thirty-seven, and children Jonathan-E., aged twelve, Edward-R., aged eight, and Loisa-R., aged four, all born in Massachusetts. (*U. S. Census Bureau.*)

The land records of Jonathan Cowen and his wife Louisa, have not been examined.

7 Mar. 1884, Fairhaven, death of Jonathan Cowen, Jr., male, married, aged 72-10, residence and death in Fairhaven, merchant, born in Rochester, of Jonathan Cowen born same, and Elizabeth L——, born in Marthas Vineyard. (*Mass. State Records*, 355: 90.)

7 Mar. 1884, Mattapoisett, death of Jonathan Cowen, married, aged 72-9, residence in Fairhaven, burial in Mattapoisett, farmer, born in Rochester, of Jonathan Cowen, born same, and Betsey Leucas (*sic*) born in Chilmark. (*Ibid.*, 356: 316.)

10 Mar. 1891, Fairhaven, death of Louisa (Briggs) Cowen, widow, aged 77-7, residence and death in Fairhaven, burial Mattapoisett, born in Mansfield, of Emerson Briggs born same, and Lydia ——, born in Attleboro. (*Ibid.*, 418: 137.)

Jonathan Cowen left a will dated 19 Dec. 1883:

"I Jonathan Cowen of Fairhaven . . . dispose of my earthly estate in the manner and form following . . . I give to my beloved wife Louisa B. Cowen . . . to my son Jonathan E. Cowen . . . wood lot in . . . Mattapoisett . . . near the Friends Meeting house Boundary of said lot may be had from the division deed of my deceased father's estate . . . I give and devise to my son Edward P. Cowen . . . to my daughter Louisa Rhoda Gerrish . . . to Ira H. Gerrish . . . to my beloved wife . . . I ordain . . . my son Edward P. Cowen Executor & Louisa R. Gerrish executrix . . ." Signs. The will was witnessed by Arnold-G. Tripp, Thomas-F. Hafford, and Joshua-L. Macomber.

* Fairhaven was established in 1812 from New Bedford.

Edward-P. Cowen declined to serve as executor, 29 May 1884, and Louisa-R. Gerrish presented that Jonathan Cowen died in Fairhaven in March 1884, left a widow Louisa-B. Cowen, of same; and Edward-P. Cowen and Jonathan-E. Cowen, living in Dallas, Texas, who with said petitioner were all children of the deceased.

7 June 1884, Louisa-R. Gerrish of Fairhaven, was appointed executrix, with Louisa-B. Cowen, and Ira-H. Gerrish, of same, as sureties. (*Bristol Probate*, 2075.)

The widow also left a will:

"I Louisa B. Cowen of Fairhaven . . . this sixth day of January . . . one thousand eight hundred Eighty six make . . . this my last will and testament . . . viz . . . I give and bequeath to my son Edward Palmer Cowen . . . to my son-in-law Ira H. Gerrish . . . to my daughter Louisa R. Gerrish . . . to . . . my son Jonathan E. Cowen . . . I . . . appoint the said Edward P. Cowen and Louisa R. Gerrish sole executors . . ." She signed by mark, and her will was witnessed by Angeline Hosley, Eben Akin, Jr., and Charles-L. Akin.

9 May 1891, Louisa-R. Gerrish of Fairhaven and Edward-P. Cowen of Dallas, Texas, present that Louisa-B. Cowen died in Fairhaven, 10 Mar. 1891, and left one daughter and two sons, viz.: Louisa-R. Gerrish and Jonathan E. Cowen of Fairhaven, and Edward-P. Cowen of Dallas, and also Ira-H. Gerrish, husband of said Louisa-R. Gerrish.

Louisa-R. Gerrish of Fairhaven and Edward-P. Cowen of Dallas were appointed the executors, with Jonathan-E. Cowen and Ira-H. Gerrish as sureties, both of said Fairhaven, 5 June 1891. (*Ibid.*, 7512.)

Children (Cowen), born in Fairhaven:

- i. JONATHAN-EMERSON ⁷ COWEN, b. 12 Feb. 1838, d. 4 Aug. 1901, Fairhaven, bur. Friends Cem. at Mattapoisett; m. ————, they were divorced. At one time he lived in Dallas, Texas, and had seen service in the Civil War. Child (Cowen), *Clarence-Sherman*, b. 1873, d. unmarried Feb. 1910, Texas.
- ii. EDWARD-PALMER COWEN, b. 12 Dec. 1841, d. 22 Oct. 1914; m. 8 June 1887, Marshall, Texas, FLORENCE-ERNESTINE SHERROD, b. 10 Nov. 1866, Marshall, living 1931, Brookline, Mass., dau. of Lawrence-Llwlyn and Nancy-Adeline (Standifer) Sherrod. Mr. Cowen was educated at the Friends School in Providence, Mrs. Cowen received her education in Boston. Child (Cowen), *Edward-Palmer*, b. 29 Nov. 1893, Kansas City, Mo., d. unmarried 23 Nov. 1919, Brookline.
- iii. LOUISA-RHODA COWEN, b. 15 Aug. 1845 (her birth is also recorded in Rochester), d. 10 Apr. 1913, Fairhaven; m. (1), 31 Dec. 1868, New Bedford, Mass., IRA-H. GERRISH, b. Jan. 1842, Fairhaven, d. 25 Nov. 1898, same, son of Ira and Eveline (Eldredge) Gerrish; m.



LOURITTA HARVEY

B. 1815, D. 1907

(2), as his second wife, 1 July 1905, Fairhaven, a cousin, GEORGE-DUNHAM COWEN, b. 14 Nov. 1841, Tisbury, Mass., living 1931, Fairhaven, son of Isaac-L., and Charlotte (Dunham) Cowen. She had no children. By a former marriage, George-Dunham Cowen had a daughter, Lilian-Dunham Cowen of Taunton, Mass., who furnished much of this information.

6. LOURITTA⁶ ROSAMOND BRIGGS (*Emerson*⁵, *Caleb*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., 7 Dec. 1815, died in Attleboro, Bristol County, Mass., testate, 20 May 1907, aged ninety-one years, five months, and thirteen days. She married in Norton (intention at Taunton, 9 Apr. 1846, "Louritta Briggs of Norton"), 14 May 1846, STIMPSON HARVEY, born in Taunton, Bristol County, Mass., 22 Jan. 1809, died in Attleboro, 3 May 1883, son of David and Hannah (Lincoln) Harvey of Taunton.

Louritta (Briggs) Harvey apparently never used her middle name. She was received into the Friends Society in 1822, but probably married out of the faith. After her marriage she lived in Attleboro. Here in 1850, "Stimson" Harvey was living aged forty-one, farmer, worth \$1,500, born in Massachusetts, and with him his wife, "Lauretta," aged thirty-four, and their only child, "Lauretta L.," aged two, both born same. (*U. S. Census Bureau.*)

The land records of Stimpson Harvey and his wife Louritta have not been examined.

27 June 1848, death in Attleboro, Julia Harvey, female, aged 23 days, born same, of Stimpson and Lauretta. (*Mass. State Records*, 39: 77.)

3 May 1883, death in Attleboro, Harvey Stimpson, male, married, aged 74-3-11, residence and death in same, farmer, born in Taunton, of David Harvey, born same, and Hannah ———, born same. (*Ibid.*, 346: 77.)

20 May 1907, death in Attleboro, Louritta Harvey, widow, aged 91-5-13, widow of Stimpson Harvey, residence and death in Attleboro, born in Norton, of Emerson Briggs, born in Mansfield, and Lydia Richardson, born in Attleboro. Maiden name Briggs, burial in Norton Common Cemetery. (*Ibid.*, *Attleboro Deaths*, 1907, 3: 396.)

Stimpson Harvey died intestate. 1 June 1883, Louritta Harvey of Attleboro presented that Simpson Harvey died in Attleboro, 3 May 1883, left the petitioner, who was his widow, and a daughter Lydia-L. Butterworth, also of Attleboro, whose husband was Herbert-A. Butterworth. The widow was appointed administratrix, 1 June 1883, Alfred Briggs of Attleboro and George-L. Wetherell of Norton serving as her sureties. The widow's dower was assigned to her, 20 Nov. 1883, and the daughter signed a paper in regard to this as "L. Louritta Butterworth." (*Bristol Probate*, 1352.)

The widow made her will 5 Mar. 1897, proved 7 June 1907, a brief abstract follows:

"I Louritta Harvey of Attleborough . . . make this my last will and testament . . . I give . . . my daughter Lydia L. Butterworth all my household goods . . . [and] one undivided fourth part of all the remaining estate . . . I give . . . my daughter Lydia L. Butterworth and Hannah L. Harvey, jointly, the remaining three fourths of all the estate of which I may die seized . . . in trust . . . the income thereof to be paid . . . unto my grandchildren, Fannie L. Butterworth, Mabel L. Butterworth and Henry D. Butterworth in equal proportion until they respectively arrive at the age of thirty years . . . I hereby appoint the said Lydia L. Butterworth and Hannah L. Harvey to be executrix's of this my last will." She signs her will, which was witnessed by Harriet-B., Edgar-H. and Annie-E. Thayer.

7 June 1907, Lydia-L. Butterworth and Hannah-L. Harvey of Attleboro, represent that Louritta Harvey died in Attleboro, 20 May 1907, her only heir being her daughter the said Lydia-L. Butterworth of Attleboro. These two were then appointed as co-executors, 7 June 1907, and filed a bond. (*Ibid.*, 24787.)

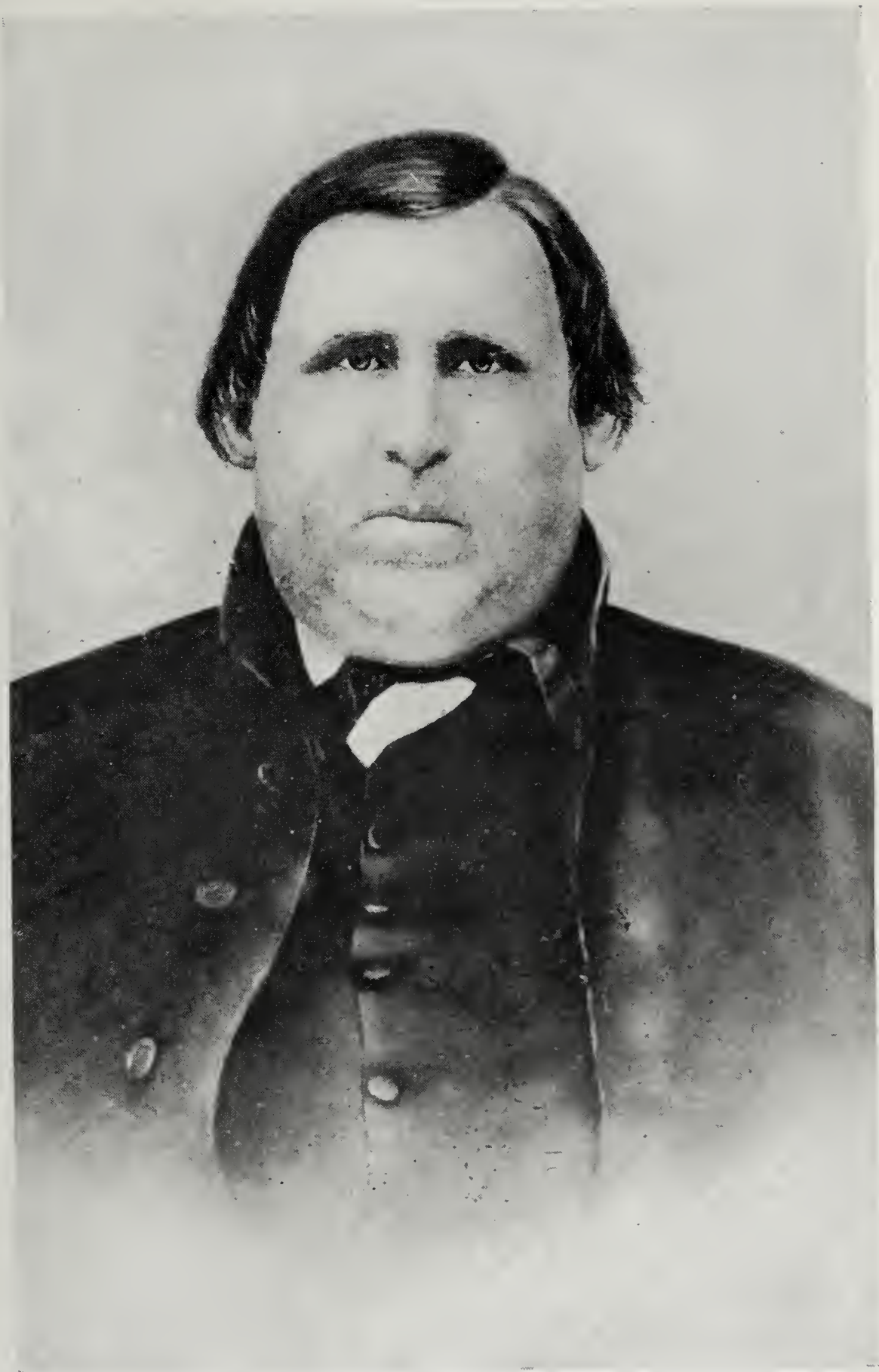
Children (Harvey), born in Attleboro:

18. i. LYDIA-LOURITTA ⁷ HARVEY, b. 4 June 1848; m. HERBERT-AUGUSTUS BUTTERWORTH.
- ii. JULIA HARVEY (*twin*), b. 4 June 1848, d. 27 June 1848, Attleboro.

7. EDMUND ⁶ BRIGGS (*Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William*), born in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., 4 July 1818, died there, 12 Oct. 1883, aged sixty-five years, three months and eight days. He married in Attleboro, Bristol County, Mass., 6 Oct. 1839, ACHSAH-ANN PERRY, born there, 17 Sept. 1817, died there, 18 Mar. 1898, aged eighty-one years, five months, and nineteen days, daughter of Stephen and Joanna (Lincoln) Perry of Attleboro.

Emerson Briggs and his wife, Lydia, gave to their son, probably in return for life care, their farm in Norton, 29 Aug. 1842, and so it was with his parents that Edmund Briggs lived. This homestead farm and buildings consisted of some one hundred and seventy-two acres and there was also another lot of land given to Edmund at this time which contained about thirty-two acres, also in Norton. Later, 30 Nov. 1854, Edmund purchased from his parents land and a dwelling house in Mansfield, and still later, 25 June 1872, Edmund bought from his father, woodland situated partly in Norton and partly in Mansfield. All three deeds were recorded in 1872. (*Bristol Deeds*, 322: 179; 324: 136, 137.)

The census of 1850 confirms this, for we note that Emerson Briggs is head of a family in Norton, consisting of himself, a farmer aged sixty-five, wife Lydia Briggs aged sixty-four, Edmund Briggs aged thirty-one, Achsah-N. Briggs aged thirty-two, and Lydia-A., aged five, Edmund-A., aged three, Ellen-L., aged six, Stephen-A., aged one, and Martha Briggs aged twenty-one, all born in Massachusetts. (*U. S.*



EDMUND BRIGGS

B. 1818, D. 1883

Census Bureau.) The State Census of 1855, lists Edmund as aged thirty-seven, Achsah as thirty-eight, Lydia-A. as thirteen, Ellen-L. as ten, Edmund-A. as eight, and Stephen-A. Briggs as six, all born in Massachusetts, and then living in Norton.

12 Oct. 1883, death in Norton, Edmund Briggs, male, married, aged 65-3-8, residence and death in Norton, farmer, born same, of Emerson Briggs born in Mansfield and Lydia-R. Briggs born in Attleboro. (*Mass. State Records*, 346: 140.)

8 Mar. 1898, death in Attleboro, Achsah-A. (Perry) Briggs, widow of Edmund Briggs, aged 81-5-19, residence and death in Attleboro, buried in Mansfield, born in Attleboro, of Stephen Perry, born same, and Joanna Lincoln, born in Mansfield. (*Ibid.*, 481: 145.)

11 Sept. 1926, death in Providence, R. I., of Lidora-Ellen Briggs, female, single, aged 81-8-13, residence in Attleboro, born in Norton, of Edmond Briggs, born same, and Achsah-A. ———, born in Attleboro. (*Ibid.*, *Attleboro Deaths*, 1926, 4: 231.)

With the exception of a few years during which he lived in Attleboro (the census of 1840 lists him as of that town) Edmund Briggs resided in Norton. His land records, and those of his widow, have not been examined. He died intestate.

23 Oct. 1883, Edmund-A. Briggs of Mansfield presents that Edmund Briggs died in Norton, 12 Oct. 1883, and left a widow Achsah-A. Briggs and the following heirs: Edmund-A. Briggs of Mansfield a son, Lydia-A. Bowen of Mansfield a daughter, Lidora-E. Briggs of Norton a daughter, and Stephen-A. Briggs of Attleboro a son. Edmund-A. Briggs of Mansfield was accordingly appointed the administrator, with Stephen-A. Briggs of Mansfield, and Lydia-A. Bowen of same, as sureties, same date.

12 Jan. 1892, Lydia-A. Bowen of Mansfield, Achsah-A. Briggs, Stephen-A. Briggs, and Lidora-E. Briggs of Attleboro, quit to Edmund-A. Briggs of Mansfield, the administrator, all rights and demands unto the estate of the deceased.

(*Bristol Probate* 1607.)

8 Mar. 1898, Stephen-A. Briggs of Attleboro presents that Achsah-A. Briggs of same died there 8 Mar. 1898 intestate, leaving as her heirs: Edmund-A. Briggs a son, Lydia-A. Bowen a daughter, Lidora-E. Briggs a daughter, and Stephen-A. Briggs a son, all of Attleboro. 1 Apr. 1898, the said Stephen-A. Briggs with Edmund-A. Briggs, and Lydia-A. Bowen, all of Attleboro as his sureties, was appointed the administrator. (*Ibid.*, 14129.)

Children, first born in Attleboro, rest in Norton:

- i. LYDIA-ANN ⁷, b. 9 Mar. 1842, living 1931 in Attleboro; m. there, 8 June 1872, ALBERT-KNIGHT BOWEN, b. 8 Jan. 1845, Hampton, Conn., living 1931, son of Samuel-V. and Ann (——) Bowen. No children.

- ii. LIDORA-ELLEN, b. 29 Dec. 1844, d. unmarried 11 Sept. 1926, Providence, R. I. Her birth is recorded as "Ellen Lidora" in Norton.
- 19. iii. EDMUND-ANTHONY, b. 13 Mar. 1847; m. HARRIET-MARIA LINCOLN.
- 20. iv. STEPHEN-ALBERT, b. 28 Mar. 1849; m. SARAH-MATILDA LINCOLN.

8. SARAH⁶ BRIGGS (*Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., 22 Apr. 1821, died in Acushnet, Bristol County, Mass., 16 Nov. 1890, aged sixty-nine years, six months, and twenty-four days. She married in Norton, according to the records of the Smithfield Friends Meeting, 6 Jan. 1842, PETER-DAVIS SLADE, born in Dartmouth, Plymouth County, Mass., 26 Dec. 1808, died in Acushnet, 11 July 1885, aged seventy-six years, seven months, and fifteen days, son of Caleb and Hannah (Davis) Slade.

Peter-Davis Slade was a member of the Friends Society, and was probably affiliated with the New Bedford Meeting. His sisters were: Patience, wife of Silas Delano; Hannah, wife of Charles-H. Morton; Mary, wife of William Barker; and his brother, Benjamin Slade, married Mary-Ann Briggs.

The Slades lived in that part of Acushnet known as Long Plain. Acushnet was established from Fairhaven in 1860 as a separate town, and Fairhaven was set off from New Bedford in 1812.

In 1850, Peter-D. Slade was head of a family living in Fairhaven and consisting of himself, aged forty-one, a farmer; his wife Sarah-B. Slade aged twenty-six, Peter-D. Slade, Jr., aged four, and a James-E. Ashley aged fourteen, all born in Massachusetts. (*U. S. Census Bureau.*)

11 July 1885, death in Acushnet, Peter-D. Slade, married, aged 76-7-15, residence and death in Acushnet, burial at Long Plain, farmer, born in Dartmouth, of Caleb Slade, born in Westport, and Hannah ———, born in Dartmouth. (*Mass. State Records, 364: 77.*)

16 Nov. 1890, death in Acushnet, Sarah-B. Slade, widow, aged 69-6-24, residence and death in Acushnet, born in Norton, of Emerson Briggs and Lydia-R. Briggs. Their birthplaces not given. (*Ibid.*, 409: 88.)

There is no record of any settlement of the estate of Peter-Davis Slade in the Bristol or Plymouth County Probate Courts. His land records and those of his widow have not been examined. The said widow died intestate:

9 Dec. 1890, Caleb Slade of New Bedford presents that Sarah-B. Slade died in Acushnet, 16 Nov. 1890, that she left no husband, her next of kin being: Sarah-L. Macomber of Acushnet, a daughter; and Caleb Slade, a son; and the said son being the petitioner for settlement, asked for administration. This was granted him, the bond being dated the same day as the petition, and the sureties being George-A. Macomber and Sarah-L. Macomber, both of Acushnet. (*Bristol Probate, 7113.*)

Children (Slade), born in Long Plain, Fairhaven (after 1860 Acushnet):



SARAH BRIGGS SLADE

B. 1821, D. 1890

21. i. SARAH-LOUISA ⁷ SLADE, b. 14 Feb. 1844 *; m. GEORGE-ALDEN MACOMBER.
 ii. PETER-DAVIS SLADE, JR., b. 9 Jan. 1848 *, d. 9 Oct. 1850.
22. iii. CALEB SLADE, b. 11 Mar. 1852; m. ABBIE-JANE MORSE.
 iv. TWINS (*unnamed*), b. and d. 14 July 1862.

9. ALFRED ⁶ BRIGGS (*Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William*), born in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., 19 July 1823, died in Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., testate, 18 Apr. 1902, aged seventy-eight years, eight months, and thirty days. He married in Norton, 10 Apr. 1845, POLLY-THRASHER SHAW, born in Middleborough, Plymouth County, Mass., 13 Dec. 1820, died in Attleboro, Bristol County, Mass., 9 Nov. 1909, aged eighty-eight years, ten months, and twenty-seven days, daughter of John and Polly (Thrasher) Shaw.

Alfred Briggs and his youngest sister, Martha Briggs, were both birthright members of the Friends Society, and later in life, Alfred was an elder in that faith. He was a farmer and before his marriage removed to Attleboro, where he lived the greater part of his life. He and his widow were buried in the Norton Common Cemetery.

In 1850 he is listed in Attleboro as Alfred Briggs aged twenty-six, farmer, with wife Polly-T. Briggs aged thirty, Alfred-A. Briggs aged four, Henry Briggs aged two, Polly-A. Briggs aged one, and a Charles Hall aged twenty-one, all born in Massachusetts. (*U. S. Census Bureau.*)

His father, Emerson Briggs, gave him, 10 July 1872, a deed of gift to land and buildings in Attleboro, containing some one hundred and five acres, and his brother, Edmund Briggs, witnessed the deed. (*Bristol Deeds*, 324: 261.)

The land records of Alfred Briggs and those of his widow have not been examined. The following official records are of interest:

18 Apr. 1902, death in Mansfield, Alfred Briggs, married, male, aged 78-8-30, residence and death in Mansfield, burial Norton Common Cemetery, farmer, born in Norton, of Emerson Briggs, born in Mansfield, and Lydia Richardson, born in Attleboro. (*Mass. State Records*, 528: 286.)

9 Nov. 1909, death in Attleboro, Polly-T. Briggs, female, widow, aged 88-10-27, maiden name Shaw, widow of Alfred Briggs, residence and death in same, born in Middleborough, of John Shaw, born same, and Polly Thrasher, born same, burial in Norton Common Cemetery. (*Ibid.*, 1909 *Attleborough deaths*, 3: 429.)

Alfred Briggs left a will:

"Attleborough March the Twenty six One Thousand Eight hundred and Ninty Three Having made Provision for some of my Children I thought I would like to make my Wishes known In Regard to the Rest of Them Alfred A. Briggs, John S. Briggs and Cordelia L. Parmenter have been Settled With

* Birth also recorded in New Bedford.

and have No further Claims Upon my Estate I wish Isaac Briggs to have Enough to Pay Expenses of a Plain Funereal and Burial in my Lot on Norton Commond . . . and for my Other Three Girls Alena W. Coding, Lydia R. Thurber Chloe A. Briggs the Rest of my Estate in Equal Proportion After the Death of Myself and Wife and Chloes Portion to be Held in Trust for Her by Alfred A. Briggs . . ." Signed: "Alfred Briggs."

Witnesses: William-H. Coddington, Erastus-B. Coddington, John-E. Janes.

25 Apr. 1902, Polly-T. Briggs of Mansfield presents that Alfred Briggs died there 18 Apr. 1902, and left the said petitioner his widow, and Alfred-A. Briggs of Mansfield a son, John-S. Briggs of Attleboro a son, Cordelia-L. Parmenter of Attleboro a daughter, Alena-W. Coddington of Everett a daughter, Lydia-R. Thurber of Attleboro a daughter, and Chloe-A. Briggs of Mansfield a daughter. That date, Polly-T. Briggs of Mansfield was appointed to serve with Albert Perry of same, and Alonzo-A. Balcom of same as her sureties. 6 June 1902, she was appointed to serve as administratrix with the will annexed. She later deceased, and 27 Jan. 1910, Arthur-S. Thurber of Attleboro, a husband of one of the daughters of the said deceased, was appointed to serve in that capacity, and had as his sureties Lydia-R. Thurber and Ellis-M. Dean. The petition for this appointment was signed by Alfred-A. Briggs, John-S. Briggs, Lena-W. Coddington, Lydia-R. Thurber, Cordelia-L. Parmenter. (*Bristol Probate, 18596.*)

There was no additional settlement of Alfred's widow's estate recorded.

Children born in Attleboro:

23. i. ALFRED-ALLEN ⁷, b. 22 Apr. 1846; m. BETSEY-ANN ROGERS, AMERETT (ROGERS) WISE, and CLARA-JOSEPHINE (COFRIN) MARDEN.
- ii. HENRY, b. 4 Nov. 1847, d. unmarried 24 Feb. 1869, bur. Norton.
- iii. POLLY-ANGELIA, b. 12 Feb. 1849, d. 14 Dec. 1851, bur. Norton.
24. iv. JOHN-SHAW, b. 7 Jan. 1851; m. ALICE-EMMA PERRY.
- v. Child, b. 8 Sept. 1852, d. 25 Sept. 1852.
- vi. ISAAC, b. 24 Nov. 1853, d. unmarried 3 Apr. 1899, Medfield, bur. Norton.
- vii. RHODA-VIOLA, b. 9 Nov. 1855, d. 19 Aug. 1865.
25. viii. ALENA-WRIGHT, b. 19 Nov. 1857; m. WILLIAM-LORING CODDINGTON.
26. ix. LYDIA-RICHARDSON, b. 17 Jan. 1860; m. ARTHUR-SHEPARD THURBER.
27. x. CORDELIA-LOURITTA, b. 28 Dec. 1862; m. EDWARD-CALEB PARMENTER.
- xi. CHLOE-ADELINE, b. 14 Oct. 1865.

10. LYDIA ADELINE ⁶ BRIGGS (*Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., 18 Oct. 1825, died in Franklin, Norfolk County, Mass., testate, 23 Apr. 1891, aged sixty-five years, five months, and five days. She married in Norton, intention dated 2 Nov. 1841, DANIEL-PETER WHITING, JR., of



ALFRED BRIGGS
B. 1823, D. 1902

Franklin, born in Franklin, 4 Mar. 1807, died there, testate, 25 Mar. 1893, aged eighty-six years, two months, and twenty-one days, son of Joseph and Ruth (Adams) Whiting, and a descendant of Nathaniel Whiting and Henry Adams.

According to one of the descendants, Joseph Whiting was the son of Peter Whiting, and had besides his son, Daniel-Peter Whiting, son Joseph-Milton, who married Clarissa Derry; daughter, Ruth, who married Winslow Cook; and daughter, Sally, who married Cyrus Allen. It is also stated that Captain Moses Adams, father of Ruth (Adams) Whiting, served in the Revolutionary War.

Daniel-Peter Whiting was a member of the Congregational Church, where he served as a teacher in the Sunday school, and also played the violin. Interested in farming and lumbering, he was also one of a Rifle Company in Bellingham, and a great reader of the Bible, of modern and ancient history, and the law. He is said to have been an "ardent church goer, and saw to it that the farm hands went too!"

Daniel-P. Whiting is listed in Franklin in the census of 1850, with himself, aged forty-three, miller, worth \$5,000 as head of family. This household consisted of his wife, Lydia-A. Whiting aged twenty-four, Samuel aged seven, Lydia-A. aged five, Joseph aged four, Martha aged two, and Ruth-A. Whiting [his mother] aged seventy-seven, all born in Massachusetts. There were also three servants: John Durfee aged twenty, Thomas Markey aged forty, and Ann Gately aged thirteen, all born in Ireland. (*U. S. Census Bureau.*)

The land records of Daniel-Peter Whiting and his wife have not been examined in either Norfolk or Bristol Counties. Their death records are of interest:

23 Apr. 1891, death in Franklin of Lydia-A. (Briggs) Whiting, wife of Daniel-P. Whiting, female, married, aged 65-6-5, residence and death in Franklin, born in Norton, of Emerson Briggs, born in Mansfield, and Lydia Richardson, born in Attleboro. (*Mass. State Records, 419: 439.*)

25 May 1893, death in Franklin of Daniel-Peter Whiting, male, widower, aged 86-2-21, residence, death and burial in Franklin, born same, of Joseph Whiting, born same, and Ruth-A. Adams, born in Medway. (*Ibid., 437: 514.*)

Both Daniel-Peter Whiting and his wife left wills and their estates were rather involved:

"I, Lydia A. Whiting of Franklin . . . do make this my last will and testament . . . as follows . . . to my husband Daniel P. Whiting . . . to my daughter Clara A. Woodward . . . to my daughter Lydia A. Harris . . . my grand-daughter Marietta E. Harris . . . my grand-daughter Frank E. Whiting . . . my three daughters Lydia A. Harris, Clara A. Woodward, and Isabella F. Kingsbury . . . my son Alfred D. Whiting . . . my son Samuel Whiting . . . my son Joseph Whiting . . . my son George R. Whiting . . . my sons Alfred D. Whiting and Abbott D. Whiting . . . I nominate my . . . son Alfred D. Whiting and my said daughter Lydia A. Harris to be the

executor and executrix of this will . . .” Signed: “Lydia A. Whiting.”
Dated 18 Apr. 1891, proved 3 June 1891

Witnesses: Clarence-E. Griffin, William Rockwood, Edmond-J. Rockwood.

1 May 1891, it is presented that Lydia-A. Whiting died 23 Apr. 1891, leaving a husband, Daniel-P. Whiting, and Samuel Whiting of North Rutland a son, Lydia-A. Harris of Franklin a daughter, Joseph-M. Whiting of same a son, Alfred-D. Whiting of same a son, George-R. Whiting of same a son, Isabella-F. Kingsbury, wife of Edward Kingsbury of Medfield, a daughter, Abbott-D. Whiting of Hopedale a son, and Clara-A. Woodward, wife of Charles Woodward of Franklin, a daughter.

13 June 1902 it is cited that as a trust had been created under the will for Samuel Whiting to descend to his children upon his decease, and whereas Alfred-D. Whiting, trustee thereof has also deceased, Lucretia Whiting, wife of said Samuel, accepts the trust. A bond of that date represents said Lucretia Whiting of Dana with George-R. Whiting and Abbott-D. Whiting both of Franklin as her bondsman as the trustee for the benefit of said Samuel Whiting. Those assenting to this were Samuel Whiting, Flora-B. Jones, Ethel-Whiting Demond, and Ola-L. Whiting. Final accounting was presented 9 Nov. 1929, the heirs of Clara Woodward being: Joseph-E. Woodward, Ralph-E. Woodward, Alice-J. Morse, Arthur-C. Woodward, Beulah-A. Woodward, and Charles-A. Woodward. (*Norfolk Probate*, 28035.)

In October 1891, there was an attempt made to create a guardianship for Daniel-Peter Whiting but this failed. He also left a will:

“I Daniel Peter Whiting of Franklin . . . make this my last will and testament . . . as follows: I give . . . to my son George-R. Whiting . . . of Franklin . . . The foregoing bequests . . . are . . . placed in the hands of Edgar W. Kingsbury of Medfield . . . I appoint my said son George R. Whiting Administrator of my estate . . . In case of the death of the said George . . . the above property I desire to pass to the heirs of my daughter Clara Woodward . . . to my son Samuel Whiting . . . to Flora and Ethel Whiting daughters of my said son Samuel . . . to Frances Whiting oldest daughter of my son Joseph M. Whiting . . . To my said son Joseph M. Whiting . . . to my son Alfred D. Whiting . . . to the children of Alfred D. Whiting . . . to my daughter Lydia A. Harris . . . to my daughter Isabel Kingsbury of Medfield . . . to my son Abbott D. Whiting of . . . Franklin . . .” Signed: “Daniel Peter Whiting.” Dated 13 Oct. 1891; filed 19 July 1893. Witnesses: Lewis Hayden, James Ferguson, William F. Buckley.

It is presented that the testator died 25 May 1893, the will was proved 20 Feb. 1894. (*Ibid.*, 29613.)

Children (Whiting), born in Franklin:

28. i. SAMUEL⁷ WHITING, b. 5 Apr. 1843; m. LUCRETIA ROGERS.
29. ii. LYDIA-ADELINE WHITING, b. 6 Oct. 1844; m. BENNETT-RICHARD HARRIS.



LYDIA ADELINE WHITING

B. 1825, D. 1891

30. iii. JOSEPH-MILTON WHITING, b. 9 Jan. 1846; m. ADELIA-EMMA SPRAGUE.
 iv. MARTHA-BRIGGS WHITING, b. 20 Nov. 1847, d. 7 Sept. 1855, Franklin.
31. v. ALFRED-DANIEL WHITING, b. 17 June 1849; m. FLORA-A. HINES.
32. vi. GEORGE-RICHARDSON WHITING, b. 24 Mar. 1852; m. MARY-WOODMAN SPRAGUE and LILLA-MALORA MARBLE.
 vii. MARIETTA-EVA WHITING, b. 18 Sept. 1854, d. unmarried 5 June 1874, Chelsea, Mass.
33. viii. ISABELLE-FRENCH WHITING, b. 9 July 1857; m. WILLIAM-EDGAR KINGSBURY.
34. ix. ABBOTT-DAVIS WHITING, b. 6 Oct. 1859; m. NELLIE-SOPHIA DASCOMB.
35. x. CLARA-ADELIA WHITING, b. 10 Nov. 1861; m. CHARLES-EVERETT WOODWARD.

11. MARTHA CORA ⁶ BRIGGS (*Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., 24 Sept. 1828 *, died there, 1 Sept. 1887, testate, aged fifty-eight years, eleven months, and eight days. She married there, 2 Nov. 1851, WILLIAM-HENRY CODDING, born in Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., 2 Dec. 1826, died in Norton, testate, 7 June 1904, aged seventy-seven years, six months, and five days, son of William and Abi (Skinner) Coddington of Mansfield.

In 1850, Martha Briggs was living in her father's family, and that same year William-H. Coddington was listed in Norton in the family of Abigail Freeman, as aged twenty-four, and as a helper on the Freeman farm. This Abigail Freeman was then aged seventy-six, and had in her household besides young Coddington, William Freeman aged forty-three, Schuyler Freeman aged thirty-nine, Sally-M. Freeman aged thirty-six, Hiram-S. Freeman aged twelve, and Charles-H. Freeman aged three, all born in Massachusetts. (*U. S. Census Bureau*.)

Born a birthright member of the Friends Society, Martha's husband was also a member of that faith. His brothers and sisters were: Loring-J. Coddington, who married Salome-K. Crowley; Isaac Coddington, who married Sarah Braley; Eliza Coddington, who married Ira Grant; Charlotte Coddington, who married Oren Walker; Emily Coddington, who married Joseph Briggs; and Peddy [Experience] Coddington, who married Hiram Reed.

The land records of William-Henry Coddington and his wife, Martha, have not been examined.

2 Nov. 1851, marriage in Norton, William-H. Coddington of Norton, aged 24, farmer, born in Mansfield, of William and Abiah Coddington, a first marriage, and Martha Briggs of Norton, aged 22, born in Norton, of Emerson and Lydia Briggs, a first marriage, ceremony by Rev. S. P. Snow. (*Mass. State Records*, 54: 101.)

* 24 Oct. 1828 is also given in family records.

1 Sept. 1887, death in Norton, Martha-B. Coddington (maiden name Briggs), female, married, aged 58-11-8, residence and death in Norton, born same, of Emerson Briggs, born in Mansfield, and Lydia Richardson, born in Attleborough. (*Ibid.*, 382: 153.)

7 June 1904, death in Norton, William-H. Coddington, male, widower, aged 77-6-5, residence and death in Norton, born in Mansfield, of William Coddington, born same, and Abi Skinner, born same. (*Ibid.*, *Norton Deaths 1904*. 76: 65.)

Martha-Cora (Briggs) Coddington left a will, viz:

"I Martha B. Coddington wife [of] William H. Coddington of Norton . . . make this my last will and testament . . . I bequeath . . . To my Husband William H. Coddington . . . To my son William E. Coddington . . . The rest of my estate equally to my Three children Erastus B. Coddington William E. Coddington and Martha C. Janes wife of John E. Janes . . . I hereby appoint my son Erastus B. Coddington Executor of this my last will and testament" Dated 13 Jan. 1885, signed. Witnesses: Austin Messinger, Hannah-D. Lincoln, and Mary-E. Sweet. William-H. Coddington consented to the will.

6 Oct. 1887, Erastus-B. Coddington of Norton presents that Martha-B. Coddington died in Norton, 1 Sept. 1887, leaving William-H. Coddington her husband of same, Erastus-B. Coddington a son of same, William-E. Coddington a son of same, and Martha-C. Janes of Mansfield, a daughter. The bond of that date, gives Erastus-B. Coddington as the executor, with William-H. and William-E. Coddington both of Norton as his sureties. (*Bristol Probate*, 4558.)

Her husband also left a will, dated 1 Aug. 1893, viz:

"I William H. Coddington of Norton . . . make this my Last Will and testament . . . I bequeath . . . To my daughter Cora M. Janes wife of John E. Janes . . . To my son Erastus B. Coddington . . . I nominate my said son William E. Coddington to be sole Executor" He signed in the presence of Jacob-A. Leonard, Eunice-H. Leonard, and Etta-F. Leonard.

15 Aug. 1904, William-E. Coddington of Norton presents that William-H. Coddington died there, 7 June 1904, left no widow, the heirs being: Cora-M. Janes of Mansfield a daughter, Erastus-B. Coddington of Norton a son, and William-E. Coddington of Norton a son. That same date, William-E. Coddington was appointed executor, with Cora-M. Janes of Mansfield and Erastus-B. Coddington as sureties. (*Ibid.*, 21336.)

Children (Coddington), first born in Norton, rest in Mansfield:

36. i. MARTHA-CORA⁷ CODDINGTON, b. 31 Dec. 1854; m. JOHN-EVERETT JANES.
- ii. ERASTUS-BRIGGS^{*} CODDINGTON, b. 11 Nov. 1856, d. 17 Oct. 1928, Norton, Mass.; m. 6 Sept. 1888, Mansfield, SUSIE-BELL WOODS, b. 13 Feb. 1866, Rumford, Me., d. 27 July 1930, Woolwich, Me.,

^{*} One record gives the middle name as "Bennett."



MARTHA CORA CODDING

B. 1828, D. 1887

dau. of Charles-Edwin and Harriet-Hodgdon (Elkins) Woods. Mr. Coddington was a farmer and was also interested in lumbering. His widow was living with her sister, Mrs. Hattie-L. Dolloff at Woolwich at the time of her decease. Children (Coddington), b. Norton, (1) *Infant*, b. and d. 9 Aug. 1890; (2) *Lula-May*, b. 7 May 1892, d. 15 Sept. 1893.

- iii. WILLIAM-EMERSON CODDING, b. 22 Nov. 1863, living 1931 in Norton; m. 22 May 1887, Attleboro, Mass., DELIA-CAROLINE SHERMAN, b. 22 Feb. 1866, Foxborough, Mass., living 1931, dau. of George-Gardner and Angelia (Kempton) Sherman. No children.

12. BENJAMIN JOSEPH ⁷ BRIGGS (*Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Rochester, Mass., 24 July 1833, died in Middleborough, Mass., 16 Feb. 1922. He married in Norton, Mass., 28 Dec. 1855, EMILY-WEAR CODDING, born in Mansfield, Mass., 30 Mar. 1835, died in Middleborough, 10 July 1917, daughter of William and Abbie (Skinner) Coddington.

Children born in Mansfield:

- i. OSCAR-BURNISS ⁸, b. 22 May 1863; living 1931, Taunton, Mass.; m. 4 July 1900, Norton, Mass., MARY-ANGIE (PENNIMAN) LEAVITT, b. 17 Oct. 1855, Abington, Mass., d. 8 Sept. 1922, Wareham, Mass., daughter of Prince-E. and Caroline (Bradford) Penniman, widow of Frank Leavitt, No children.
- 37. ii. BENJAMIN-HOWARD, b. 30 Mar. 1869; m. ELIZABETH-J. LAWERY.
- iii. WHEATON-WEAR, b. 12 Mar. 1878, d. 8 June 1885.

13. ELIZABETH CAROLINE ⁷ BRIGGS (*Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Rochester, Mass., 3 June 1835, died in Franklin, Mass., 10 Apr. 1922, aged eighty-six. She married in Norton, Mass., 24 Apr. 1856, JOSEPH-WADSWORTH CLARK, born in Franklin, 9 Apr. 1824, died there, 9 Dec. 1893, aged sixty-nine, son of Abijah Clark Jr., and Susannah (Wadsworth) Clark.

Joseph-Wadsworth Clark served as a selectman and as an overseer of the poor. He was a violinist, made his first instrument, and by playing for dancing was enabled to buy his second. His wife, Elizabeth-Caroline Briggs, or as she was sometimes known, Caroline-Elizabeth Briggs, is said to have been born in Attleboro, Mass., this birthplace being also given for her eldest brother, Benjamin-Joseph Briggs. But their births are not recorded in Attleboro, and are to be found on the Rochester town records. She was brought up a Friend and attended their school in Providence, R. I. She was "a very industrious woman, a most devoted mother."

The following information was supplied by Nellie-De-Ett ⁸ (Clark) Mills:

In 1841, Joseph-Wadsworth Clark started a wood-working machine shop on a small stream in front of his house. Here he invented an attachment for a wood-turning lathe, which made a perfect axe handle, these being made by hand previously. His business increased rapidly, and after he invented the shoddy picker, used in mills, he was obliged to build a larger shop on another part of his farm. The Clark improved shoddy picker became popular, especially in the South. He then moved his business to Franklin, having built a larger shop, house, stables, and blacksmith shop, nearer the railroad and the mills. He took his two sons into the business, and as his health failed, they carried it on until they died within a year of each other. In 1928, the grandson, William-Harold ⁹ Clark, son of his son, William-Cowen ⁸ Clark, took over the business, this being the third generation to make the machines. For fifty-two years the name of "Clark's Machine Shop," has been known for its general repair work as well as its constructive work.

Children (Clark) born in Franklin:

- i. CAROLINE-ADA ⁸ CLARK, b. 29 Aug. 1857; living Franklin, 1931; m. 29 Nov. 1888, Washington, D. C., LEWIS-PERVIS GIFFORD, b. 6 Aug. 1851, Bridgeton, N. J., d. 19 Apr. 1913, son of Josiah and Henrietta (Ritner) Gifford. Mrs. Gifford studied at the N. E. Conservatory of Music, was formerly a piano teacher, and church organist, and has lived in Baltimore, Md., and in Franklin. No children.
- ii. MARY-EMILY CLARK, b. 31 Oct. 1859, living 1931, Dennisport, Mass.; m. 21 June 1882, Woonsocket, R. I., HIRAM-CLARK HAWES, b. 17 July 1856, Franklin, son of Nathaniel and Eliza-Ann (Weatherhead) Hawes. No children.
- 38. iii. JOSEPH-EMERSON CLARK, b. 22 Feb. 1861; m. FLORA-B. BURLEY.
- 39. iv. WILLIAM-COWEN CLARK, b. 10 Dec. 1864; m. MARY-ETTA BARTON.
- v. NELLIE-DE ETT CLARK, b. 13 Nov. 1869, living 1931, Providence, R. I.; m. 24 Apr. 1893, Franklin, FRANK-SHELDON MILLS, b. 20 Jan. 1865, Adams Centre, N. Y., son of Rev. Edward and Esther (Butterworth) Mills. Mr. Mills' parents were married in England in 1851 and settled in North Andover, Mass. Mrs. Mills worked on the Liberty Loan Committee during the World War, is a musician, former member of the Congregational Church, but transferred membership to the Baptist Church when she removed to Providence. Child (Mills), b. Providence, *Helen-Esther*, b. 8 Oct. 1895, d. 12 Sept. 1910.

14. LOUISA AMANDA ⁷ BRIGGS (*Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Rochester, Mass., 13 May 1837, died in Attleboro, Mass., 11 Jan. 1918, aged eighty. She married in Norton, Mass., 26 Mar. 1856, NOAH-PERRIN COOPER, born in Attleboro, 21 Sept. 1817, died there, 2 May 1896, aged seventy-nine, son of Noah and Huldah (Perrin) Cooper.

Noah-Perrin Cooper was a farmer and lived in Attleboro.

Children (Cooper), born in Attleboro:

- i. ANNIE-LOUISA ⁸ COOPER, b. 8 Jan. 1857, d. 6 Feb. 1929, Norton; m. 29 Apr. 1885, Attleboro, JOHN-HERBERT HARVEY, b. 1856, Norton, d. there, 10 Nov. 1922, son of John and Cornelia-A. (Hodges) Harvey. No children.
- ii. ALVIN-NOAH COOPER, b. 31 Dec. 1858, living 1921 Attleboro; m. 14 Aug. 1890, Providence, R. I., CARRIE-BELLE SIMPSON, b. 24 Mar. 1866, dau. of William-C. and Elizabeth (Beane) Simpson, natives of Bradford, Vt. No children.
- 40. iii. FREDERICK-PERRIN COOPER, b. 26 Dec. 1866; m. HELEN-MARIA AUSTIN.
- 41. iv. LAVINIA-TYLER COOPER, b. 9 Mar. 1868; m. RANDOLPH-ALLEN GREENE.
- v. SAMUEL COOPER, b. 25 June 1869, d. 28 Aug. 1869.

15. SETH RICHARDSON ⁷ BRIGGS (*Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Rochester, Mass., 19 Feb. 1847, living in Barrington, R. I., in 1931. He married in Easton, Mass., 1 May 1872, MARTHA-ANN-KENNEDY SHEPARD, born there, 1 Oct. 1851, died in Attleboro, Mass., 21 June 1928, aged seventy-six, daughter of Thomas Shepard, Jr., and Matilda (Kennedy) Shepard,* and stated to have been a lineal descendant of Jacob Shepard, a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Seth-Richardson Briggs was educated in the Norton Schools and at Stevens Literary and Scientific School in Mansfield. He worked for some years in the machine shop of his brother-in-law, Joseph-Wadsworth Clark, at Franklin, and then was in the jewelry business in Attleboro. Later he became a hotel proprietor and is now retired. A Quaker by training, he served as Deputy Sheriff for Bristol County for many years, and is a member of the Masonic Order, Knights of Pythias, and other organizations. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1922.

Mrs. Briggs was much interested in her ancestral history and was a member of the Attleboro chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and of the Daughters of American Colonists. She was also a member of the Second Congregational Church, a charter member of the Hope Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Pythian Sisters.

Children, second born in Franklin, rest in Attleboro:

- 42. i. MARTHA-SHEPARD ⁸, b. 17 May 1874; m. JOHN-LAURENCE HOOD.
- 43. ii. CAROLINE-LOUISE, b. 30 Nov. 1876; m. DR. ARTHUR-MORGAN MACWHINNIE.
- 44. iii. FRANK-LEWIS, b. 1 Feb. 1880; m. MIRIAM-BERTHA ROWE and MARY-BELINDA MAY.

* Matilda Kennedy b. July 1810, Gortnaglush, co. Tryone, Ireland, m. 16 Oct. 1845, and d. 11 Oct. 1870, ae. 60, on the "Siberia," bur. at sea. She was supposedly of Scotch descent.

45. iv. WALTER-EMERSON, b. 16 Feb. 1883; m. EDNA-OLIVIA ANDERSON.
 46. v. GRACE-HELEN, b. 18 Sept. 1888; m. RALPH-HIRAM SNOW.

16. CAPTAIN MATTHEW ⁷ HILLER (*Betsey* ⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Rochester, Mass., 9 Mar. 1840, died in Mattapoisett, Mass., 10 Nov. 1930, aged ninety years. He married, first, in Marion, Mass., 1 Sept. 1859, BEURETTA-WEBSTER HAMMOND, born in Rochester *, 21 Apr. 1834, died in Bradford, Pa., 22 Oct. 1880, daughter of Stephen and Lydia (Babbitt) Hammond. He married, secondly, in New Bedford, Mass., 17 Jan. 1888, MARY-IDA ROCKEFELLER, born in Germantown, N. Y., 27 Oct. 1853, died in Mattapoisett, 25 Apr. 1927, aged seventy-three, daughter of George and Mary (Lasher) Rockefeller.

Captain Hiller was raised in that section of Rochester that was set off in 1857 to form the new town of Mattapoisett. His parents were Friends, and he received his education at the famous Moses Brown School in Providence, R. I. He was a mariner and lived most of his life in Marion with the exception of a few years in Pennsylvania. At the time of his second marriage he gave his residence as New Bedford. This ceremony, in 1888, was performed by Rev. E. Williams of that city.

Children (Hiller):

By Beuretta-Webster Hammond, born in Marion:

- i. LYDIA-RICHMOND ⁸ HILLER, b. 12 Apr. 1864, living unmarried 1931, Marion.
 - ii. WILLIAM-HAMMOND HILLER, b. 29 Nov. 1865, d. 27 Dec. 1874, Mattapoisett.
 - iii. EMERSON-BRIGGS HILLER, b. 31 Aug. 1870, d. unmarried 7 Apr. 1892, St. Johns River, Colo., another record states he d. Jacksonville, Fla.
47. iv. CHARLES-ELDREDGE HILLER, b. 13 Aug. 1875; m. HELEN-MAY GORDON.
48. v. IRA-RICHARDSON HILLER, b. 16 Oct. 1877; m. IDA-MAY BOYNTON.

By Mary-Ida Rockefeller, first born in New Bedford, rest in Mattapoisett,

- 49. vi. GEORGE-ROCKEFELLER HILLER, b. 26 Dec. 1889; m. SARA-WILLIS NELSON.
- 50. vii. DAVID-SANDS HILLER, b. 10 Feb. 1893; m. RUTH-HALL SWARTWOUT.
- viii. MATTHEW HILLER, JR., b. 25 May 1895, living Forest Hills, Long Island, N. Y., 1931. He m. 17 Apr. 1934, Pittsburgh, Pa., MARGARET-JOSEPHINE FORSYTH, b. 3 Oct. 1900, Harrisburg, Pa., dau. of Frank-J. and Margaret-Belle (Herron) Forsyth. He is a Civil Engineer and was educated at Carnegie Institute of Tech-

* She was born in that part of Rochester that in 1852 was established as Marion.

nology; Mrs. Hiller attended the Winchester School for Girls. No children.

- ix. JENNIE-MAE HILLER, b. 13 Jan. 1897, living Chicago, Ill., 1931; m. OSCAR LUDMANN.

17. EDWARD BURROUGH⁷ HILLER (*Betsey*⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Rochester, Mass., 11 July 1842, living in Mattapoisett, Mass., in 1931. He married in Tisbury, Mass., 8 July 1872, RUTH-HOWES NICKERSON, born there, 18 Feb. 1840, died in Lansdowne, Pa., 29 Dec. 1916, daughter of Obed and Reliance (Baker) Nickerson.

Mr. Hiller was born in that section of Rochester, then known as Mattapoisett Village, which was not set off as a separate town until 1857. The Hillers were Friends, and he was sent to Providence, R. I., to the Moses Brown School, for his education. He has been a farmer, house contractor, and oil operator and has lived in Mattapoisett, Warwick, Mass., Tisbury, and Erie County, Pa. An elder, custodian, and overseer, in the Society of Friends, Mr. Hiller has also served his community as a member of the Board of Health. Mrs. Hiller attended the Bridgewater State Normal School, and taught school before her marriage.

Children (Hiller):

- i. EDWARD-BURROUGH⁸ HILLER, JR., b. 26 Apr. 1875, St. Petersburg Pa., d. 9 Mar. 1882, Mattapoisett.
51. ii. JOSEPH-LILBURNE HILLER, b. 8 Dec. 1878, Mattapoisett; m. FLORENCE-LOUISE CROWELL.

18. LYDIA LOURITTA⁷ HARVEY (*Louritta-Rosamond*⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 4 June 1848, died there, 18 Nov. 1930, aged eighty-two. She married there, 26 May 1870, HERBERT-AUGUSTUS BUTTERWORTH, born in Walpole, Mass., 19 July 1845, died in Attleboro, 5 July 1925, aged seventy-nine, son of William-R. and Eunice (Hall) Butterworth.

Herbert-Augustus Butterworth served in the Civil War and was a member of the William Streeter Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Children (Butterworth), born in Attleboro:

52. i. FANNIE-LOUISE⁸ BUTTERWORTH, b. 1 Mar. 1876; m. EGBERT-ELLIS RHODES.
53. ii. HENRY-DAVIS BUTTERWORTH, b. 1 Feb. 1878; m. ARNETTA-EDNA BISHOP.
54. iii. MABEL-LOURITTA BUTTERWORTH, b. 28 July 1880; m. FREDERICK-WILLIAM STONE.

19. EDMUND ANTHONY⁷ BRIGGS (*Edmund*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Norton, Mass., 13 Mar.

1847, living in Attleboro, Mass., in 1931. He married in Providence, R. I., December 1839, HARRIET-MARIA LINCOLN, born in Norton, 1 Nov. 1847, living 1931, daughter of Sumner-W. and Mary (Leonard) Lincoln.

Mrs. Briggs was a sister of Sarah-Matilda Lincoln, who became the wife of Stephen-Albert ⁷ Briggs, brother of Edmund-Anthony Briggs.

Edmund-Anthony Briggs received his education at the Friends School in Providence.

Children born in Mansfield, Mass.:

- i. BERTHA-LINCOLN ⁸, b. 26 June 1870, d. s.p., Nov. 1898, Mansfield; m. there, 5 Aug. 1895, WILLIAM-HOWARD ALLEN, a physician, b. there, 19 Feb. 1868, living 1931, Winthrop, Mass., son of William-George and Martha-M. Allen. He was educated at Harvard College, and served as an officer in the World War. Dr. Allen m. (2), April 1904, MAUD-LOUISE LINCOLN, who d. Jan. 1910; he m. (3), 15 Mar. 1911, CHARLOTTE-MAY BAYLEY, living 1931. Child (Allen), by second wife, *Martha*, b. 8 Apr. 1905.
- ii. ARTHUR-MASON, b. 28 May 1876, living 1931, Attleboro; m. there, 15 Oct. 1902, OLIVER-EVELYN CARPENTER, b. there, 1 Mar. 1878, living 1931, dau. of Arthur-B. and Harriet-Amelia (Williams) Carpenter. Mr. Briggs was educated at Brown University, and is a manufacturer of silverware. No children.

20. STEPHEN ALBERT ⁷ BRIGGS (*Edmund* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Norton, Mass., 28 Mar. 1849, died in Attleboro, Mass., 13 Dec. 1914, buried in Mansfield, Mass. He married in Taunton, Mass., 9 Mar. 1871, SARAH-MATILDA LINCOLN, born in Norton, 3 Nov. 1853, living in Attleboro, in 1931, daughter of Sumner-W. and Mary (Leonard) Lincoln, and a sister of Harriet-Maria Lincoln who married Edmund-Anthony ⁷ Briggs, her husband's brother.

Children:

- i. GERTRUDE-WEBESTER, b. 11 Aug. 1872, Norton, d. 12 June 1928, Attleboro; m. there, 27 Oct. 1897, FRANK-WILLIAM CARPENTER, b. there, 6 Dec. 1866, living there 1931, son of Arthur-P., and Harriet-A. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was in business with his father in the Carpenter Coal and Lumber Co., from 1906 to 1926, and is now retired. He was educated at Brown University. No children.
- ii. FRED-EMERSON, b. 14 Mar. 1875, Attleboro, living there 1931; m. there, 1 Jan. 1901, EDITH-C. WATSON, b. there 1880, dau. of Clarence-L. and Annie-E. (Capron) Watson. They were divorced. He attended Brown University and Harvard Law School and was Mayor of Attleboro, 1927-1930.* No children.

* Mr. Briggs would give no further information to the compiler.

21. SARAH LOUISA ⁷ SLADE (*Sarah* ⁶ Briggs, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Long Plain, Fairhaven, Mass., 14 Feb. 1844, died in Fairhaven, 17 Sept. 1922, aged seventy-eight. She married in Acushnet, Mass., 27 Dec. 1866, GEORGE-ALDEN MACOMBER, born in Long Plain, Fairhaven, 9 Mar. 1844, died there, 11 Jan. 1918, son of Godfrey-C., and Parnel-W. (Mason) Macomber.

Sarah-Louisa (Slade) Macomber was born in that section of Fairhaven that in 1860 became Acushnet. Her birth is also recorded in New Bedford, Mass.

Children (Macomber) born in Acushnet:

- 55. i. LILA-MAY ⁸ MACOMBER, b. 16 Sept. 1869; m. FREDERICK-A. GIFFORD and ARTHUR-C. WHITE.
- 56. ii. WILLIAM-B. MACOMBER, b. 24 Dec. 1870; m. NETTIE-M. McCAIN.

22. CALEB ⁷ SLADE (*Sarah* ⁶ Briggs, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Long Plain, Fairhaven *, Mass., 11 Mar. 1852, living in Attleboro, Mass., in 1931. He married in Acushnet, Mass., 31 July 1873, ABBIE-JANE MORSE, born in Long Plain, Fairhaven,* 1 Apr. 1853, died in Attleboro, 12 Jan. 1925, aged seventy-one, daughter of Joshua and Julia-Ann (Taber) Morse.

Mr. Slade attended the Friends School in Providence, R. I., and Bridgewater Normal School in Bridgewater, Mass. He served as town clerk, selectman, treasurer, collector of taxes at Acushnet and was also on the School Committee there; and as postmaster at Long Plain. He taught school at Slocum Neck in Dartmouth, Mass., at the age of only seventeen, and later was connected with the high schools of Dartmouth, Westport, Mass., and Mattapoisett, Mass. Following this, he was in the mercantile business in Long Plain, and in New Bedford, Mass., for some twenty-two years, and for the last thirty years has been the treasurer of the Attleboro Saving and Loan Association. In addition to these activities Mr. Slade found time to represent Acushnet as a state senator in Boston, and to run a farm in Acushnet. He has lived in Mattapoisett, Westport, Bridgewater, Acushnet, New Bedford, and Attleboro. He is a birthright Quaker.

Children (Slade):

- 57. i. EMERSON-AUGUSTUS ⁸ SLADE, b. 11 Oct. 1876, Mattapoisett; m. ALICE-RACHEL REYNOLDS.
- ii. CALEB-ARNOLD SLADE, b. 2 Aug. 1882, Acushnet, living 1931 Truro, Mass.; m. 9 Apr. 1906, Attleboro, IRENE-ELIZABETH WELLS, b. there, 26 Sept. 1885, daughter of Jason-Lee and Jennie-Miller (Henshaw) Wells. No children. "Slade, Caleb Arnold, artist, b. Acushnet, Mass., Aug. 2, 1882, s. Caleb and Abbie Jane (Morse) S., student Brown U., 1904; studied art, Art Students' League,

* After 1860 this section became Acushnet.

New York, 1907; Académie Julian, Paris, France, 1909; m. Irene Elizabeth Wells, of Attleboro, Mass., Apr. 9, 1906. Has specialized in Bibl. subjects and portraits. Represented in Isabella Stewart Gardner Mus., Boston; Springfield (Ill.) Art. Mus.; Phila. Art Club; Milwaukee (Wis.) Art Club; Desmond Fitzgerald Mus., Brookline, Mass.; John Wanamaker Collection, Phila.; George Elkins Collection, Elkins Park, Pa.; Paramount Theatre, N. Y. City; picture, "Christ in the Mountain," Bethany Ch., Phila.; portraits of Gen. Charles G. Dawes, ex-Atty. Gen. John G. Sargent, Senator Wm. E. Borah, etc. Student Plattsburg T. C., 1917: commd. capt. engrs., U. S. A.; served in France 18 mos., participating in two offensives, World War; Mem. Am. Federation Arts, Phila. Art Club, Phila. Sketch Club, Am. Art Assn. (Paris); Zeta Psi. Home: Truro, Mass." (*Who's Who*, 1930-31.)

23. ALFRED ALLEN⁷ BRIGGS (*Alfred*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 22 Apr. 1846, living in Mansfield, Mass., in 1931. He married, first, in Mansfield, 13 May 1868, BETSEY-ANN ROGERS, born in Norton, Mass., 26 Apr. 1847, died in Mansfield, 11 Aug. 1906, aged fifty-nine, daughter of Charles and Harriet (Balcom) Rogers. He married, secondly, in Milford, Mass., 22 Sept. 1909, AMERETT (ROGERS) WISE, born in Leroy *, Ill., in 1847, died in Ashland, Mass., 10 Aug. 1923, daughter of Austin-F. (born in Vermont) and Julia-A. (Gibbs) Rogers, and widow of ——— Wise. He married, thirdly, in Mansfield, 14 May 1926, CLARA-JOSEPHINE (COFRIN) MARDEN, born in Washington, N. H., in 1850, daughter of Joseph and Sarah-M. (Farnsworth) Cofrin, and widow of ——— Marden.

Alfred-Allen Briggs received his early education in the Friends School, but disregarding this training he enlisted and served for four years in the Civil War. Formerly a grocer, he has now retired and lives in the West Mansfield section of Mansfield.

Children born in Mansfield:

By Betsey-Ann Rogers,

58. i. CHARLES-ALFRED⁸, b. 4 Aug. 1871; m. CARRIE-R. McLEAN and EVA-ETTA⁸ WHITING.
 - ii. WILLIAM-HENRY, b. 19 Dec. 1872, d. 24 May 1874.
 - iii. HARRIET-VIOLA, b. 14 Nov. 1875, living 1931, Mansfield; m. there, 7 Apr. 1897, FRANK WHITTAKER, b. 19 Dec. 1859, Biddeford, Me., son of Thomas and Mary (——) Whittaker. No children.
 - iv. FANNY-MAY, b. 25 Feb. 1878, d. 24 Sept. 1878.
59. v. EVA-ROGERS, b. 23 Nov. 1879; m. WILLIAM-E. PARMENTER and DAVID-A. WHITE.
 - vi. Child, b. and d. 27 July 1882.
 - vii. Child, b. and d. 24 Feb. 1885.
60. viii. GEORGE-HAROLD, b. 24 Apr. 1888; m. ELMINA-J. ROGERS, ELIZABETH-R. SMITH, and MARY-HAWTHORNE-WALKER AULD.

* Another record gives birthplace as Marion, Ill.

24. JOHN SHAW ⁷ BRIGGS (*Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 7 Jan. 1851, living there in 1931. He married there, 23 May 1871, ALICE-EMMA PERRY, born there, 24 Mar. 1851, died there, 4 Feb. 1906, aged fifty-five, daughter of Albert and Alice-Tubbs (White) Perry.

Mr. Briggs was educated in the public schools of his native town, and is a grocer.

Children, first two born in Mansfield, rest born in Attleboro:

- i. NELLIE-EMMA ⁸, b. 29 June 1872, living unmarried 1931, Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., a school teacher.
- ii. MABLE-ALICE, b. 24 July 1874, living 1931 Providence, R. I.; m. (1), 4 May 1899, Attleboro, LEONARD NICHOLS, b. 1869, Royalston, Mass., son of Joseph-T. and Martha-G. (Turner) Nichols; they were divorced about 1909, and she m. (2), 22 June 1925, HARRY-ALTON WALDRON, b. 4 Mar. 1866, Providence, d. there in 1927, son of Nathan-B. and Mary-Frances (Wightman) Waldron. Mr. Waldron was educated in private schools and military college and was a member of a number of clubs. Mrs. Waldron is a special accountant. No children.
61. iii. WALTER-ALBERT, b. 25 July 1883; m. LILLIAN-EMILY MACRAE.
- iv. MILDRED-VINCENT, b. 1 Aug. 1890, d. 22 Aug. 1890.

25. ALENA WRIGHT ⁷ BRIGGS (*Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 19 Nov. 1857, living in Foxborough, Mass., in 1931. She married in Attleboro, 1 Jan. 1886, WILLIAM-LORING CODDING, born in Mansfield, Mass., 15 Mar. 1856, living 1931, son of Loring-J. and Salome-K. (Crowley) Coddington.

Mrs. Coddington taught Sunday School in her younger days, and has lived in Mansfield, Dedham, Mass., Everett, Mass., and in Foxborough.

Loring-J. Coddington was a brother of William-Henry Coddington, who married Martha-Cora ⁶ Briggs, as see her account.

According to family records, Elsie-Salome Coddington and Mildred-Arlene Coddington, daughters of Alena-Wright (Briggs) Coddington, were born 1 Jan. 1890, and 16 Apr. 1891, respectively, but according to the official Massachusetts State Records, they were born 31 Dec. 1889, and 23 Apr. 1891. The compiler has used the official records.

Children (Coddington):

62. i. ELSIE-SALOME ⁸ CODDING, b. 31 Dec. 1889, Mansfield; m. ARTHUR-SAMUEL DIDHAM.
- ii. MILDRED-ARLENE CODDING, b. 23 Apr. 1891, Everett, living unmarried 1931, Wollaston, Mass.

26. LYDIA RICHARDSON ⁷ BRIGGS (*Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 17 Jan. 1860, died there, 6 Dec. 1920, aged sixty. She married there, 13

June 1883, ARTHUR-SHEPARD THURBER, born there, 21 Apr. 1862, living there in 1931, son of Edwin-Bradford and Elona-A. (Brown) Thurber.

Arthur-Shepard Thurber was one of eight children, his brothers and sisters being: Thomas, Mary, Annie, Herbert, Louis, Willian-N., Alvah-S., and Clifford-E. Annie Thurber married George Leavitt, Herbert Thurber married Mary Chalmers, Louis Thurber married Mattie Swift, and Willian-N. Thurber married Agnes Chalmers. His father, Edwin-Bradford Thurber, lived in Norton, Mass., and in Attleboro, where he was a jeweller.

Lydia-Richardson (Briggs) Thurber was a school teacher in Attleboro, before her marriage; her husband, Arthur-Shepard Thurber, makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Percy-Allen Dean, of Attleboro. A birthright Quaker, Mrs. Thurber later became identified with the Christian Church in Attleboro.

Children (Thurber), born in Attleboro:

- i. EDWIN-ALFRED ⁸ THURBER, b. 15 May 1884, living unmarried 1931, Attleboro.
- 63. ii. CHESTER-ARTHUR THURBER, b. 5 Mar. 1886; m. LAURA-EVA HASKELL.
- 64. iii. INEZ-EVELYN THURBER, b. 22 July 1887; m. PERCY-ALLEN DEAN.
- 65. iv. ELBERT-HENRY THURBER, b. 7 Oct. 1890; m. MILDRED-WOODWARD FRENCH.
- 66. v. ARTHUR-SHEPARD THURBER JR., b. 29 July 1895; m. RUTH-LILLIAN DOW.

27. CORDELIA LOURITTA ⁷ BRIGGS (*Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 28 Dec. 1862, living in Hudson, N. H., in 1931. She married in Attleboro, 20 Sept. 1883, EDWARD-CALEB PARMENTER, born there, 1 Sept. 1862, living 1931, son of Caleb-Everett and Abbie-Jane (Watts) Parmenter.

Mrs. Parmenter is much interested in the Briggs family, and has the distinction of being the originator of the Briggs reunions. She was formerly the superintendent of a Sunday school, and has lived in Attleboro and Londonderry, N. H.

Children (Parmenter) born in Attleboro:

- 67. i. RALPH-EDWARD PARMENTER, b. 2 Aug. 1884; m. PEARL-AGNES REID.
- 68. ii. LOTTIE-BRIGGS PARMENTER, b. 19 Dec. 1887; m. CHESTER-DUANE WRIGHT.
- 69. iii. DRAPTER-WATTS PARMENTER, b. 20 Nov. 1899; m. LUCY-MAY BOYDEN.
- iv. Child, b. 25 Feb. 1901, d. 28 Feb. 1901.

28. SAMUEL ⁷ WHITING (*Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ Briggs, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 5 Apr.

1843, died in Dana, Mass., 26 Apr. 1912, aged sixty-nine. He married in Heyworth, Ill., 20 Oct. 1868, LUCRETIA ROGERS, born in Decatur, or Waterloo, Ill., 27 Jan. 1845, died in Atlantic, Mass., 17 June 1926, aged eighty-one, daughter of Rev. Austin-Flint and Julia-Ann (Gibbs) Rogers.

Samuel Whiting attended Dedham Academy; he tried to enlist in the Civil War, but was refused because of disability. By occupation he was a wooden box and chair maker, served as a police officer, and was a member of the Congregational Church. He was an ardent church worker, and had the faith of the early Puritans. Dr. Rogers, father of his wife, Lucretia (Rogers) Whiting, preached in Illinois for over sixty years, and had one son, and three grandsons, who also followed the ministry.

Mrs. Willie-Miles De Mond, daughter of Samuel and Lucretia (Rogers) Whiting, states that her mother personally knew Abraham Lincoln, and writes as follows concerning her father:

In 1890, my father's business was thriving, buildings were of lumber and large in size, and a great quantity of sawed lumber was stacked in the yards. The time was ripe for the thugs and crooks of that locality. At ten thirty in the evening they set fire to all the lumber and buildings, the fire was spectacular and raged for two hours, and all the town came to the fire. Thieves looted everything, bank, post office, hotel, tailor shop, grocery store, and meat market. Father was reduced to the level of laborer, his family's future hampered, and he was never able to answer the question of, "Oh, why did they do it." His Christian faith always reassured him, and his courage to try again never left him. His one regret until his death was that his work was not finished.

They lived in Franklin and Holliston, Mass.

Children (Whiting), first two born in Franklin, rest in Holliston, Mass.:

- i. BENNETT-RICHMOND ⁸ WHITING (stillborn), b. and d. 1870.
- 70. ii. FLORA-BELLE WHITING, b. 2 June 1874; m. LYMAN-ELBRIDGE JONES and JOHN-F. SMITH.
- 71. iii. ETHEL-MAY WHITING, b. 22 Mar. 1878; m. WILLIE-MILES DE MOND.
- iv. LESLIE-HARRIS WHITING, b. 24 Aug., d. 24 Dec. 1881.
- v. OLA-LORENA WHITING, b. 29 Mar. 1884, living 1931 Montclair, N. J.; m. 10 May 1917, Lewiston, Me., reported from Dana, as his second wife, ALEXANDER GORDON, of Wallace, Idaho, b. 20 Feb. 1866, Chelsea, Mass., d. 14 Dec. 1926, bur. Franklin, son of Thomas and Elizabeth-H. Gordon, both b. in Scotland. No children.

29. LYDIA ADELINE ⁷ WHITING (*Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ Briggs, Emerson ⁵, Jacob ⁴, Seth ³, William ², William ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 6 Oct. 1844, died in West Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., 18

June 1924. She married in Franklin, 7 Jan. 1875, BENNETT-RICHARD HARRIS, born in England, in 1847, death unknown, son of Joseph and Mary (——) Harris.

Descendants refuse to give further information, hence this record is incomplete.

Children (Harris):

- 72. i. MARIETTA-E.⁸ HARRIS, b. 23 Oct. 1875, Somerville; m. CHARLES-A. ROBINSON.
- ii. RICHARD HARRIS, nothing further known.

30. JOSEPH MILTON⁷ WHITING (*Lydia-Adeline*⁶ Briggs, Emerson⁵, Jacob⁴, Seth³, William², William¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 9 Jan. 1846, died there, 23 Aug. 1917, aged seventy-one. He married in Farmington, Me., 3 Jan. 1872, ADELIA-EMMA SPRAGUE*, born there, 10 May 1843, died in Franklin, 25 Aug. 1929, aged eighty-six, daughter of Harvey and Mary (Corbett) Sprague.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Whiting were buried in the Union Cemetery in Franklin. Mrs. Whiting was originally a member of the Congregational Church but she was later affiliated with the Christian Science Society of Franklin.

- 73. i. FRANCES-ELLEN⁸ WHITING, b. 18 Jan. 1873; m. FERDINAND-ADOLPH LASKY.
- ii. EVA-ETTA WHITING, b. 24 May 1874; m. CHARLES-ALFRED⁸ BRIGGS, see his account.
- iii. MAY-BLANCHE WHITING, b. 25 Jan. 1883, living unmarried 1931, Franklin.

31. ALFRED DANIEL⁷ WHITING (*Lydia-Adeline*⁶ Briggs, Emerson⁵, Jacob⁴, Seth³, William², William¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 17 June 1849, died there, 10 Jan. 1900. He married in Franklin, 10 Mar. 1881, FLORA-A. HINES, born in Winterport, Me., 29 July 1861, died in Everett, Mass., 17 Nov. 1930, aged seventy, daughter of Richard-R. and Amy-Jane (Low) Hines.

Children (Whiting), born in Franklin:

- i. GEORGIANA⁸ WHITING, b. 5 Jan. 1882, living 1931 Everett, Mass.; m. there, 21 Feb. 1906, GEORGE-JOHNSON ROLLINS, b. South Boston, Mass., 19 June 1878, d. 21 Mar. 1925, Everett, son of George-Johnson and Grace Rollins. He served in Co. K., 11th Inf., Mass. State Guard 1917-1919. No children.
- 74. ii. EDNA-JOSEPHINE WHITING, b. 2 Mar. 1884; m. JESSE-THOMAS GEORGE.
- 75. iii. FLORA-ANGELINE WHITING, b. 18 Dec. 1889; m. PETER-J. BOTANA.
- 76. iv. MARTHA-HAZEL WHITING, b. 29 Feb. 1892; m. WARREN-ALGER HUTCHINS.

* Also given as "Ardelia."

- v. AMY-ELOISE WHITING, b. 5 Jan. 1895, living 1931 San Diego, Calif.;
m. JOHN-JOSEPH GLEISNER. No children.

77. vi. HELEN-ALLEGRA WHITING, b. 10 Mar. 1897; m. BERT-RICHARD CHAMP.

vii. ALFRED-DANIEL WHITING, b. and d. July 1900.

32. GEORGE RICHARDSON ⁷ WHITING (*Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ Briggs, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 24 Mar. 1852, living there in 1931. He married, first, in Bridgewater, Mass., 4 Jan. 1893, MARY-WOODMAN SPRAGUE, born there, 28 June 1859, died in Franklin, 26 Jan. 1911, daughter of George-Washington and Olive-Fobes (Osborne) Sprague. He married, secondly, in Somerville, Mass., 24 July 1917, LILLA-MALORA MARBLE, born in Ashburnham, Mass., 13 Oct. 1867, living 1931, daughter of Newell and Emma-Jane (Wilker) Marble.

Mr. Whiting was educated at Dean Academy in Franklin, and before his retirement, was a woolen manufacturer. His first wife had been a dressmaker before her marriage and had attended public high school; his second wife received her training at Cushing Academy and was formerly a school teacher.

Child (Whiting) born in Franklin:

- i. GERTRUDE-SPRAGUE ⁸ WHITING, b. 13 Oct. 1893, living 1931, Franklin; m. (1), 6 July 1912, Franklin, BERTRAND-A. TURNER, b. there 1876, son of Thaddeus-M. and Harriet-E. (Carley) Turner; they were divorced in 1922, and she m. (2), 17 Oct. 1925, Boston, Mass., WALTER-COLLINS KEITH, b. 23 Feb. 1879, Webster, Mass., son of Walter-Whipple and Mary (Schaifer) Keith. Child (Turner), b. Franklin, *George Whiting*, b. 24 Mar. 1917, d. 28 July 1918. No children by second marriage.

33. ISABELLE FRENCH ⁷ WHITING (*Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ Briggs, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 9 July 1857, died in Hopedale, Mass., 12 Jan. 1927, aged sixty-nine. She married in Franklin, 10 Nov. 1880, WILLIAM-EDGAR KINGSBURY, born in Medfield, Mass., 5 Sept. 1848, died there, 14 Apr. 1927, aged seventy-nine, son of William and Caroline-Day (Knapp) Kingsbury.*

Children (Kingsbury), born in Medfield:

78. i. BERTHA-WHITING ⁸ KINGSBURY, b. 20 Jan. 1882; m. HERBERT-JOHNSTON WILKINS.

* WILLIAM KINGSBURY, b. 1812, Medfield, d. there 1898; m. there 1842, CAROLINE-DAY KNAPP, b. 22 Jan. 1811, Woonsocket, R. I., d. 11 Dec. 1893, Medfield, dau. of Dr. ——— and Anna (Day) Knapp. Children (Knapp), b. Medfield, (1) *Sarah-E.*, b. 16 June 1843, d. 15 Apr. 1924, Medfield; m. Charles Wright; (2) *William-Edgar*, as above.

This above said William Kingsbury was son of an Amos and Molly (Plympton) (Cole) Kingsbury. (*From Records furnished by a descendant.*)

- ii. BERTRAM-EDGAR KINGSBURY, b. 22 Apr. 1889, d. 10 Apr. 1890.
- iii. BEATRICE-ISABELLE KINGSBURY, b. 22 Apr. 1889 (*twin*), living 1931 Hopedale; m. 11 Nov. 1925, Medfield, EDMUND-JOSEPH DIXON, b. 8 Dec. 1862, Eliot, Me., son of William and Mary-C. (Hayes) Dixon. He is a Dentist and attended Berwick Academy. No children.

34. ABBOTT DAVIS ⁷ WHITING (*Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ Briggs, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 6 Oct. 1859, died there, 22 Aug. 1917, aged fifty-eight. He married in Medfield, Mass., 21 June 1888, NELLIE-SOPHIA DASCOMB, born in Lowell *, Mass., 6 Oct. 1860, living 1931, daughter of Moody-R. and Martha-Russell (Farmer) Dascomb.

They lived in Hopedale, Mendon, and Franklin, all in Massachusetts. Mr. Whiting owned a shoddy mill, was a manufacturer, and was educated in the public schools of Franklin and at Dean Academy.

Children (Whiting):

- i. MARTHA-ADELINE ⁸ WHITING, b. 4 Dec. 1894, Hopedale, living 1931, Belmont, Mass.; m. 10 Aug. 1927, Brookline, Mass., WILLIAM-BELKNAP BURBANK, b. 8 Sept. 1887, Somerville, Mass., son of William-Silas and Gertrude (Nye) Burbank. Mr. Burbank attended N. E. Conservatory of Music and is an organist, and a music director in the schools; Mrs. Burbank was trained at Simmons College. No children.
- ii. BERNICE-DASCOMB WHITING, b. 8 Dec. 1900, Mendon, d. unmarried 10 Feb. 1919, Boston, Mass.

35. CLARA ADELIA ⁷ WHITING (*Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ Briggs, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 10 Nov. 1861, died there, 21 Apr. 1921, aged fifty-nine. She married there, 31 July 1879, CHARLES-EVERETT WOODWARD, born in Paxton, Mass., 2 Feb. 1856, died in Franklin, 19 June 1928, aged seventy-two, son of Charles-Alfred and Ellen-J. (Dale) Woodward. Charles-Everett Woodward married, secondly, in Franklin, 12 Sept. 1925, CARRIE-COOK MASON, born in Wrentham, Mass., in 1870, living 1931, daughter of Edwin-A. and Harriet-A. (Cook) Mason.

CHARLES-ALFRED WOODWARD, b. 8 Oct. 1830, Rutland, Mass., d. 14 Aug. 1897, Franklin, son of Harvey and Miranda (Ware) Woodward. He m. 25 Apr. 1855, Paxton, ELLEN-J. DALE, b. 8 Nov. 1834, Oakham, Mass., d. 15 Nov. 1869, Medway, Mass., dau. of John and Hermine (Keep) Dale. Children (Woodward), first three b. Paxton, rest in Medway, (1) *Charles-Everett*, as above; (2) *Arthur-Clayton*, b. 5 Jan. 1859, living 1931, Worcester, Mass.; m. 10 Jan. 1882, Walpole, Mass., Elizabeth Garby; (3) *Clarence-Harvey*, b. 6 Mar. 1860, living 1931 Franklin; m. there, 6 Mar. 1882, Eva-I. Jewett; (4)

* Her marriage record states that she was born in Auburn, Me.; her birth is recorded in Lowell; parents born in Maine.

Frank-Ellsworth, b. 25 Apr. 1862, living 1931 Franklin; m. 11 Nov. 1891, Woonsocket, R. I., Cynthia Campbell; (5) *Nellie-Maria*, b. 23 Nov. 1864, living unmarried 1931 Worcester; (6) *Hermine-Dale*, b. 16 Jan. 1868, d. 28 Sept. 1920, Providence, R. I.; m. Frank Silva. (*Family Records*.)

Mr. Woodward was a descendant of Joseph Woodward, an officer who lost his life in the Revolutionary War. He was also a lineal descendant of Lieutenant Amos Ware, who served in the War of 1812. These interesting facts were furnished by Miss Beulah-Adeline Woodward of Franklin.

Children (Woodward), born in Franklin:

79. i. CHARLES-ALBERT⁸ WOODWARD, b. 3 Mar. 1881; m. CATHERINE MORRISON.
- ii. BEULAH-ADELINE WOODWARD, b. 23 Aug. 1884, living unmarried 1931, Franklin; she has taught school for nearly thirty years, one year in Kingston, N. H., the rest in Franklin. Miss Woodward is much interested in this family history and has aided in sending in to the compiler records of her branch of the family.
80. iii. ALICE-JEANNETTE WOODWARD, b. 11 Feb. 1889; m. WALTER-ERWIN MORSE.
- iv. JOSEPH-EMERSON WOODWARD, b. 8 Sept. 1891, living 1931, Franklin; m. (1), 4 June 1916, Worcester, Mass., WATA-ESTELLA COOK, b. 1893, Otego, N. Y., dau. of Clarence-H., and Estella (Bussy) Cook; they were divorced and he m. (2), 13 Nov. 1930, Franklin, MAUDE-H. BUCKMANN, b. 7 Nov. 1912, Walpole, Mass., dau. of Charles-Edward and Marie (Ott) Buckmann. Children (Woodward), by first wife, (1) *Dorothy-May*, b. 22 Feb. 1918, died young; (2) *Roy-Earle*, b. about 1920, died young.
81. v. ARTHUR-CLIFFORD WOODWARD, b. 19 July 1893; m. FRANCES-ISABELLE ROSS.
- vi. RALPH-EDWARD WOODWARD, b. 15 Feb. 1896, living 1931, Franklin; m. there, 27 Dec. 1923, GENEVA-ANN MCGURL, b. 16 Apr. 1899, Littleton, Mass., dau. of Myles and Bridget (Foley) McGurl. He had a long service during the World War. No children.

36. MARTHA CORA⁷ CODDING (*Martha-Cora*⁶ Briggs, Emerson⁵, Jacob⁴, Seth³, William², William¹), born in Norton, Mass., 31 Dec. 1854, died in Mansfield, Mass., 27 May 1924, aged sixty-nine. She married in Mansfield, 7 Apr. 1876, JOHN-EVERETT JANES, born in Foxboro, Mass., 15 Sept. 1851, living in Mansfield, in 1931, son of John and Maria (Bishop) Janes.*

* JOHN JANES, b. 13 Jan. 1821, Trowbridge, Eng., d. 19 Dec. 1892, Mansfield, son of John and Mary (Friar) Janes, he was a basket maker. He m. MARIA BISHOP, b. 1 Nov. 1821, Trowbridge, d. 18 Apr. 1908, Mansfield. Children (Janes), (1) *Mary*; m. Emmons Scholes; (2) *Sarah*; m. William White; (3) *Lillian*; m. Charles Mathewson; (4) *Albert*, living 1931 Brockton, Mass.; m. Lizzie ———; (5) *Joseph*, living 1931, Mansfield; m. Mary Tibbetts; (6) *John-Everett*, as above.

John-Everett Janes was a dairyman and was educated in the public schools of Foxboro.

Children (Janes), first born in Norton, rest in Mansfield:

- i. FLORENCE-CORA ⁸ JANES, b. 25 Jan. 1878, living 1931 Attleboro, Mass.; m. 24 June 1902, Mansfield, WESLEY-HERBERT PIKE, b. 30 Jan. 1874, Jay, Me., son of Jonas and Lucretia (Smith) Pike. Mrs. Pike was educated at the R. I. State Normal School and is a school teacher. No children.
- 82. ii. MARTHA-MARIA JANES, b. 16 Nov. 1879; m. WALTER-CHASE CHEVERS.
- 83. iii. MAUD-EVERETT JANES, b. 17 Apr. 1883; m. CHESTER-ELISHA ROCKWOOD.

37. BENJAMIN HOWARD ⁸ BRIGGS (*Benjamin-Joseph* ⁷, *Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Mansfield, Mass., 30 Mar. 1869 (his birth also recorded in Rochester, Mass.), living 1931 in Taunton, Mass. He married in Middleboro, Mass., 5 June 1900, ELIZABETH-J. LAWERY, born in Prince Edward Island, in 1870, died 17 Dec. 1905, daughter of Edward and Margaret (McHennell) Lawery.

A jeweler by trade, Mr. Briggs was educated in the public schools of Rochester and Middleboro.

Child born in Middleboro:

- i. BENJAMIN-EDWARD-HOWARD ⁹, b. 26 Mar. 1901, living 1931, Brockton, Mass.; m. there, 26 Feb. 1925, GRACE-LUELLA EASTON, b. 1903, Holbrook, Mass., dau. of George-E. and Etta-M. (Wilde) Easton. Child (Briggs) b. E. Bridgewater, Mass., *Howard-Edward*, b. 4 Oct. 1925.

38. JOSEPH EMERSON ⁸ CLARK (*Elizabeth-Caroline* ⁷ *Briggs*, *Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 22 Feb. 1861, died there, 25 Oct. 1927, aged sixty-six. He married in Wales, Mass., 15 Oct. 1881, FLORA-B. BURLEY, born there, 5 Aug. 1860, died in Franklin, 31 May 1905, aged forty-four, daughter of Orson-L. and Ann (Gardner) Burley.

A manufacturer of machinery, Mr. Clark was educated in the public schools of Franklin and at Dean Academy.

Children (Clark), born in Franklin:

- i. ANNA-BURLEY ⁹ CLARK, b. 14 May 1886, d. 18 Aug. 1886.
- ii. FLORA-ELIZABETH CLARK, b. 1 Feb. 1890, living 1931, Providence, R. I.; m. 25 Sept. 1910, Webster, Mass., WILLIAM-ALEXANDER PEDEN, b. 7 Aug. 1886, Franklin, son of John and Elizabeth (Magee) Peden. Child (Peden), b. Franklin, *Dorothy-Carolyn*, b. 4 July 1912.
- iii. JOSEPH-BURLEY CLARK, b. 29 May 1893, living 1931 East Providence; m. in 1915, MARY HAYES. Children (Clark), (1) *Ida-Carrie*, b. Nov. 1919; (2) *Joseph-Burley*, b. Mar. 1924.

39. WILLIAM COWEN⁸ CLARK (*Elizabeth-Caroline*⁷ Briggs, *Benjamin-Skinner*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 10 Dec. 1864, died there, 27 May 1928. He married in Woonsocket, R. I., 16 Nov. 1882, MARY-ETTA BARTON, born in Bellingham, Mass., 1 May 1859, living 1931, daughter of Francis and Hannah (McGuire) Barton.

At the time of his decease, Mr. Clark was head of the Clark Foundry Company, which had been established by his father.

Children (Clark), born in Franklin:

- i. LOUISE-BARTON⁹ CLARK, b. 27 Aug. 1891, d. unmarried 10 Dec. 1908.
- ii. WILLIAM-HAROLD CLARK, b. 26 June 1895, living 1931 Franklin; m. 24 Feb. 1915, ALICE-ELIZABETH JOHNSON, b. 1 July 1896, Boston, Mass., dau. of Carl-Alvin and Selma (Norbery) Johnson. Child (Clark), b. Wrentham, *William-Harold*, b. 17 Aug. 1916.

40. FREDERICK PERRIN⁸ COOPER (*Louisa-Amanda*⁷ Briggs, *Benjamin-Skinner*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 26 Dec. 1866, living there, in 1931. He married there, 21 Nov. 1892, HELEN-MARIA AUSTIN, born in Norton, Mass., 29 Oct. 1866, died in Attleboro, 24 Oct. 1912, aged forty-six, daughter of Lewis-L. and Lydia-Ann (Lincoln) Cooper.

Mr. Cooper has always lived in Attleboro and has served that city as a councilman.

Children (Cooper), born in Attleboro:

- i. LYDIA-LOUISE⁹ COOPER, b. 3 Feb. 1894.
- ii. FREDERICK-NOAH COOPER, b. 11 July 1895.
- iii. WALTER-AUSTIN COOPER, b. 2 June 1896, living 1931, Attleboro; m. 12 Oct. 1921, Ashfield, Mass., SARAH-BELLE RICHMOND, b. there, 2 Mar. 1900, dau. of Charles-A., and Alice (Howes) Richmond. Mr. Cooper is a dairy farmer, was educated at Brown University, and served in the World War nearly two years, eighteen months of which he was in France. Children (Cooper), b. Attleboro, (1) *Alice-Lucette*, b. 1 July 1925; (2) *Frederick-Austin*, b. 13 Sept. 1926; (3) *Albert-Briggs*, b. 23 Apr. 1928; (4) *Janet-Elizabeth*, b. 3 Dec. 1930.
- iv. HERBERT-ALVIN COOPER, b. 1 Sept. 1897.
- v. EARL-PERRIN COOPER, b. 10 Jan. 1899, living 1931, Attleboro; m. 25 Aug. 1928, Norton, RUTH-JANEY ULMER, b. 18 Sept. 1899, Valley Falls, R. I., dau. of John-Grafton and Edith-Ruth (Clark) Ulmer. Mr. Cooper attended Bryant and Stratton, served in the Harvard Unit of the S.A.T.C., in 1918, and is now assistant treasurer of a bank. Mrs. Cooper attended Bridgewater Normal School. Child (Cooper), b. Attleboro, *Leland-John*, b. 13 Feb. 1930.
- vi. HELEN COOPER, b. 24 Nov. 1900, living unmarried 1931, Attleboro. She is a graduate of Brown University, has studied at

the University of Grenoble, France, and at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, and is a teacher of modern languages.

vii. HARRY-EMERSON COOPER, b. 13 Mar. 1909.

41. LAVINIA TYLER⁸ COOPER (*Louisa-Amanda Briggs*⁷, *Benjamin-Skinner*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 9 Mar. 1868, living in Norton, Mass., in 1931. She married in Providence, R. I., 10 Dec. 1890, RANDOLPH-ALLEN GREENE, born in Blackstone, Mass., 16 May 1865, son of George-Lorenzo and Harriet (Sturdy) Greene.

Mr. Greene served as colonel in the Militia for nine years in Providence. He is a jeweler, and was educated in the public schools of Norton and Attleboro. His widow lives in that section of Norton known as Chartley.

Children (Greene), born in Providence:

- i. DORIS⁹ GREENE, b. 21 July 1901, living 1931, Fitchburg, Mass.; m. 29 June 1925, Providence, WILLARD-PHILLIPS HUNNEWELL*, b. 26 Jan. 1903, Boston, Mass., grandson of William-Hardy and Abbie-Parsons (Phillips) Hunnewell. Mrs. Hunnewell educated at Leland Powers and Rice Summer School, maintains and directs the School of the Spoken Word and the Little Theatre in Fitchburg. Mr. Hunnewell was educated at Harvard College and his profession is industrial banking. They have lived in Lynn, Mass., Framingham, Mass., and in Fitchburg. Child (Hunnewell), b. Providence, *Joy*, b. 12 Oct. 1926.
- ii. CHARLOTTE GREENE, b. 21 Mar. 1907, living 1931, Norton; m. 23 Apr. 1926, Stonington, Conn., FREDERICK-WILLIAM GOULD, b. 25 Apr. 1906, Arlington, R. I., son of Herbert and Anne-Winifred (Guestford) Gould. Mrs. Gould was educated at Lesley Normal School. Mr. Gould is a jeweler and has served three years in the National Guard. Children (Gould), (1) *Randolph-Allen*, b. 4 Apr. 1928, Providence; (2) *Dale-Herbert*, b. 27 Aug. 1930, Chartley.

42. MARTHA SHEPARD⁸ BRIGGS (*Seth-Richardson*⁷, *Benjamin-Skinner*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 17 May 1874, living in Barrington, R. I., in 1931. She married in Attleboro, 5 Nov. 1902, JOHN-LAURENCE HOOD, born in Pawtucket, R. I., 19 Oct. 1878, son of John-Parmenter and Vella (Mathewson) Hood.

Mrs. Hood was graduated from the Attleboro High School in 1893, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University in 1897, and her Master of Arts from the same institution in 1900. She has taught in the Attleboro High School, the Radnor High School in Wayne, Pa., and the Cumberland High School in Valley

* He was first named Willard-Murray Hunnewell as see his birth record, and was adopted by his maternal grandparents.

Falls, R. I. Her father, Seth-Richardson Briggs, makes his home with her.

John-Laurence Hood is the owner of the J. N. Polsey Company of Pawtucket, manufacturers of packing crates and boxes. He was educated at the Pawtucket High School, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University in 1900.

Children (Hood), first three born in Pawtucket, rest born in Attleboro:

- i. JOHN-LAURENCE ⁹ HOOD, JR., b. 10 Nov. 1903, living 1931, Danielson, Conn.; m. 10 Nov. 1930, New York City, ETHEL-EMILY HANEY, b. 3 Dec. 1900, Bethlehem, Pa., dau. of Jonathan and Lillie-Edith (Divins) Haney; she is a Registered Nurse and served nine months in the Naval Nurses Corps, U.S.N. Mr. Hood attended Brown University.
- ii. ROBERT-KENNEDY HOOD, b. 3 Aug. 1906.
- iii. CAROLINE-BRIGGS HOOD, b. 3 June 1909.
- iv. LESTER-MATHEWSON HOOD, b. 12 Aug. 1913.
- v. EMERSON-BRIGGS HOOD (*twin*), b. 12 Aug. 1913.

43. CAROLINE LOUISE ⁸ BRIGGS (*Seth-Richardson* ⁷, *Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 30 Nov. 1876, living in Seattle, Wash., in 1931. She married in Attleboro, Mass., 6 Dec. 1899, DOCTOR ARTHUR-MORGAN MACWHINNIE, born in New Bedford, Mass., 24 Dec. 1874, son of Adam and Mary-Ann (Morgan) MacWhinnie.

Caroline-Louise (Briggs) MacWhinnie was graduated from Brown University in 1899, and lived in Pawtucket, R. I., for eight years, and then removed to Seattle. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, the Women's University Club, and of the Ranier Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dr. MacWhinnie was graduated from the University of Maryland and is an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist.*

In October 1907, when the MacWhinnies travelled on the Canadian Pacific Train to Seattle, they met and talked with Rudyard Kipling.

Children (MacWhinnie), born in Pawtucket:

- i. ARTHUR-BRIGGS ⁹ MACWHINNIE, b. 22 May 1901, living 1931, Seattle. He was graduated from Lincoln High School in Seattle in 1920, attended University of Washington 1920-21, received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from North Pacific College of Dentistry in 1925, and represented the standardized Inlay Clinic at the American Dental Association in Denver, 1930; he is a member of Xi Psi Phi, and Chairman of the Pacific Coast Dental Conference 1932.
- ii. ROSALIND MACWHINNIE, b. 4 Mar. 1907, was graduated from

* See "Men of 1912," published by the American Publishing Association of Chicago, Ill.

Roosevelt High School in 1925, attended University of Washington, and Oregon State College from which she was graduated in 1930, with Bachelor of Science degree.

44. REVEREND FRANK LEWIS ⁸ BRIGGS (*Seth-Richardson* ⁷, *Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 1 Feb. 1880, living there in 1931. He married, first, in Attleboro, 14 May 1908, MIRIAM-BERTHA ROWE, born there, 27 Sept. 1883, died in Boston, Mass., 21 May 1908, daughter of Mark-Eddy and Harriette (Beers) Rowe. He married, secondly, in Hartford, Conn., 29 May 1912, MARY-BELINDA MAY, born in South Kingston, R. I., 16 May 1884, daughter of George-Liberty and Susan-Peckham (Adams) May.

Rev. Briggs received his degree from Amherst College in 1902, and in 1912 was graduated from the Hartford Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the Evangelical (Congregational) Church at Indian Orchard, Springfield, Mass., from 1912 until 1923, and from 1924 has been pastor of the Bethany Congregational Church in Attleboro. He served in the Ohio Militia from 1904 until 1906, and during the World War, was a Young Men's Christian Association secretary, serving with the 78th Division in France from October 1918 until June 1919.

Mrs. Briggs is a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1907, and later the Hartford Theological Seminary, class of 1910. She was a teacher before her marriage; [has served on the Town Council of South Kingston, and as a Trustee of District 16 Public School.] Item of Mrs. Briggs' father, George Liberty May.

Children born in Ludlow, Mass.:

- i. MARTIN-KENNEDY ⁹, b. 25 Dec. 1913.
- ii. GEORGE-RICHARDSON, b. 4 Sept. 1915, d. 21 Feb. 1917, Springfield.
- iii. FRANK-AUSTIN, b. 5 Oct. 1920, d. 11 Oct. 1920, Springfield.

45. DOCTOR WALTER EMERSON ⁸ BRIGGS (*Seth-Richardson* ⁷, *Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 16 Feb. 1883, living there in 1931. He married in Redfield, So. Daka., 8 June 1910, EDNA-OLIVIA ANDERSON, born there, 31 Dec. 1885, daughter of Peter-Graf and Ellen-Cecelia (Anderson) Anderson.*

* PETER-GRAF ANDERSON, b. 1853, Gagnef, Graf, Sweden, d. 1905, Redfield, son of Graf-Andrew and Christine (Olson) Anderson; m. ELLEN-CECELIA ANDERSON, b. 1860, Watstena, Sweden, d. 1888, Redfield, dau. of Andrew-Peter and Caroline-Wilhelmina (Tolfosten) Anderson. GRAF-ANDREW ANDERSON, b. 1821, Gagnef, d. 1906, Vermillion, So. Dakta.; m. CHRISTINE OLSON, b. 1827, Gagnef, Wasterfois, Sweden, d. 1915, Vermillion. ANDREW-PETER ANDERSON, b. 1827, Österjotland, Sweden, d. 1917, Beresford, So. Dakta.; m. CAROLINE-WILHELMINA TOLFOSTEN, b. 1827, Österjotland, d. 1871, Coral Valley, Ill.

Dr. Briggs is a graduate of Tufts Dental College, has been an instructor in that institution, and president of the Attleboro Young Men's Christian Association. Mrs. Briggs was a music instructor and was educated at Redfield College, the Johnson School of Music in Minneapolis, Minn., and the New England Conservatory in Boston.

Children born in Attleboro:

- i. ANDERSON-SHEPARD ⁹, b. 9 Sept. 1911.
- ii. MARTHA-ANNETTE, b. 29 Jan. 1916.

46. GRACE HELEN ⁸ BRIGGS (*Seth-Richardson* ⁷, *Benjamin-Skinner* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 18 Sept. 1888, living in Harwich, Mass., in 1931. She married in Attleboro, 26 Apr. 1911, RALPH-HIRAM SNOW, born in Harwich, 12 Nov. 1888, son of Augustus-C. and Isadora-M. (Sears) Snow.

Mr. Snow is the vice-president and treasurer of the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank of Harwich, received his education at Phillips Exeter, and is a descendant of Mayflower stock.

Mrs. Snow has been the first vice-president of the Cape Cod Chapter of the American Red Cross for sixteen years, is the commissioner of the Harwich Girl Scouts, and first district director of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Child (Snow), born in Harwich:

- i. RALPH-BRIGGS ⁹ SNOW, b. 27 Nov. 1914, now in his third year at Phillips Exeter.

47. CHARLES ELDREDGE ⁸ HILLER (*Capt. Matthew* ⁷ *Hiller, Betsey* ⁶ *Briggs, Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Marion, Mass., 13 Aug. 1875, living in Flushing, Long Island, N. Y., in 1931. He married there, 5 Oct. 1901, HELEN-MAY GORDON, born in Carlyle, N. Y., 24 Mar. 1876, daughter of Daniel and Mary-Elizabeth (Hemstreet) Gordon.

Mr. Hiller is the manager of a printing establishment, was educated at Tabor Academy, and has lived in Flushing for thirty years. Before her marriage, his wife was a school teacher, receiving her education in Cobleskill School and Oneonta College. They are members of the Society of Friends.

Children (Hiller), all born in Flushing, except the fifth:

- i. MARY-ELIZABETH ⁹ HILLER, b. 26 Aug. 1902.
- ii. HELEN-MAY HILLER, b. 15 Oct. 1903, living 1931, Flushing; m. 22 Dec. 1928, Montrose, Pa., ERNEST-PAGE DOWNER.
- iii. MATTHEW-WEBSTER HILLER, b. 13 Nov. 1904, d. 8 July 1906.
- iv. IRA-RICHARDSON HILLER, b. 15 Nov. 1905, living 1931, Flushing; m. there, 21 Apr. 1930, PRISCILLA-ALDEN HALLETT.
- v. ELDREDGE-MILTON HILLER, b. 23 Aug. 1907, West Milton, N. Y.

- vi. MARTHA-BRIGGS HILLER, b. 13 May 1909.
- vii. LOUISE-HEMSTREET HILLER, b. 26 Apr. 1911.
- viii. WILLIAM-EMERSON HILLER, b. and d. 9 Oct. 1912.
- ix. LYDIA-RICHMOND HILLER, b. 4 Nov. 1914.

48. IRA RICHARDSON⁸ HILLER (*Capt. Matthew⁷ Hiller, Betsey⁶ Briggs, Emerson⁵, Jacob⁴, Seth³, William², William¹*), born in Marion, Mass., 16 Oct. 1877, living there in 1931. He married in North Adams, Mass., 21 Nov. 1907, IDA-MAY BOYNTON, born there, 3 Nov. 1877, daughter of George-Colborn and Harriet-Ann (Jones) Boynton.

Mr. Hiller's business address is in New York City, where he is a publisher; his summer home, however, is in Marion and he was educated there at Tabor Academy. His wife received her education at Drury Academy.

Child (Hiller), born in New York City:

- i. HARRIET-BOYNTON⁹ HILLER, b. 26 Jan. 1912.

49. GEORGE ROCKEFELLER⁸ HILLER (*Capt. Matthew⁷ Hiller, Betsey⁶ Briggs, Emerson⁵, Jacob⁴, Seth³, William², William¹*), born in New Bedford, Mass., 26 Dec. 1889, living in Mattapoisett, Mass., in 1931. He married there, 2 Nov. 1912, SARA-WILLIS NELSON, born there, 3 Aug. 1887, daughter of William-B. and Mary-Tisdale (Burbank) Nelson.

Mr. Hiller was in the Canal Zone, Panama, from 1909 until 1912, lived for seven years in Detroit, Mich., and also for a time in New York City. He gives his occupation as a field representative, and was educated in the Mattapoisett and Fairhaven, Mass., schools. His wife was a private secretary in Boston before her marriage and was trained at Miss Chandler's School.

Children (Hiller), first two born in Detroit, rest in Mattapoisett:

- i. NELSON-ROCKEFELLER⁹ HILLER, b. 1 Aug. 1913, in 1931 a cadet on the Moore and McCormack Steamship Line, N. Y.
- ii. RICHARD KEITH HILLER, b. 10 Sept. 1915.
- iii. MARY-BURBANK HILLER, b. 23 Apr. 1917.
- iv. EMERSON-HARLOW HILLER, b. 3 Aug. 1919.
- v. WILLIAM-THOMAS HILLER, b. 4 Aug. 1922.

50. DAVID SANDS⁸ HILLER (*Capt. Matthew⁷ Hiller, Betsey⁶ Briggs, Emerson⁵, Jacob⁴, Seth³, William², William¹*), born in Mattapoisett, Mass., 10 Feb. 1893, living in St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y., in 1931. He married in Royal Oak, Mich., 11 Oct. 1923, RUTH-HALL SWARTWOUT, born in Superior, Wis., 6 July 1897, daughter of Frederick-Ricker and Eva-Louisa (Hall) Swartwout.

David-Sands Hiller is a teacher and was educated in the Fairhaven schools and at Carnegie Institute of Technology. His wife attended

the Royal Oak High School and the Detroit Conservatory of Music. Children (Hiller), born in St. Albans:

- i. RUTH-MARIE ⁹ HILLER, b. 30 Aug. 1924.
- ii. SETH HILLER, b. 23 Feb. 1928.

51. JOSEPH LILBURNE ⁸ HILLER (*Edward-Burrough* ⁷ *Hiller, Betsey* ⁶ *Briggs, Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Mattapoisett, Mass., 8 Dec. 1878, living there, in 1931. He married in Dennis, Mass., 15 June 1908, FLORENCE-LOUISE CROWELL, born in Roxbury, Mass., 5 Feb. 1883, daughter of Lincoln-Foster and Ida-Josephine (King) Crowell.

A justice of the peace, town assessor, and custodian and elder in the Society of Friends, Mr. Hiller is by occupation a consulting and contracting engineer. He was educated at the Friends School in Providence, and has lived in Lansdowne, Pa., and in Mattapoisett.

Children (Hiller):

- i. RUTH-IDA ⁹ HILLER, b. 28 July 1909, Philadelphia, Pa.
- ii. FLORENCE-CROWELL HILLER, b. 8 Jan. 1912, Lansdowne.

52. FANNIE LOUISE ⁸ BUTTERWORTH (*Lydia-Louritta* ⁷ *Harvey, Louritta-Rosamond* ⁶ *Briggs, Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 1 Mar. 1876, living in Seattle, Wash., in 1931. She married in Attleboro, 25 Apr. 1899, EGBERT-ELLIS RHODES, born there, 27 Oct. 1875, son of Edward-W. and Fannie (Martin) Rhodes.

Mr. Rhodes, a manufacturing jeweler, is now with the Finance Service Corporation, and attended the schools of Attleboro, Brown University, and Ann Arbor University. Mrs. Rhodes was a school teacher before her marriage. She is the owner of the old Briggs Family Bible, a copy of the records contained in this Bible will be found under the account of her great grandfather, Emerson ⁵ Briggs.

Child (Rhodes), born in Seattle:

- i. HELEN-HARVEY ⁹ RHODES, b. 6 Sept. 1908, a graduate of the University of Washington, where she specialized in Philosophy; is at present studying her subject in Italy under the Eleanor Duse Scholarship, and was recently granted an audience with Premier Mussolini. She is a member of Chi Omega.

53. HENRY DAVIS ⁸ BUTTERWORTH (*Lydia-Louritta* ⁷ *Harvey, Louritta-Rosamond* ⁶ *Briggs, Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 1 Feb. 1878, living there in 1931. He married in Boston, Mass., 18 Apr. 1900, ARNETTA-EDNA BISHOP, born in Somerville, Mass., 17 Sept. 1881, daughter of Willard-Ernest and Frances (Edgett) Bishop.

Mr. Butterworth is a farmer, and attended the schools of Attle-

boro and Tufts College. His wife was educated in the public schools of Canada. They have lived in Seattle, Wash., and in Attleboro.

Child (Butterworth), born in Attleboro:

- i. EDNA-ELOISE ⁹ BUTTERWORTH, b. 1 May 1903, living 1931, Attleboro, a school teacher.

54. MABEL LOURITTA ⁸ BUTTERWORTH (*Lydia-Louritta* ⁷ *Harvey, Louritta-Rosamond* ⁶ *Briggs, Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 28 July 1880, died in Winthrop, Mass., 20 May 1918. She married in Attleboro, 24 Sept. 1902, FREDERICK-WILLIAM STONE, born in Waltham, Mass., 9 Jan. 1878, living in Winthrop, in 1931, son of Samuel-Nelson and Susan-Emma (Read) Stone. Mr. Stone married, secondly, in Attleboro, 4 Oct. 1920, HARRIET-GRACE BAGLOE, born in Roxbury, Mass., 19 May 1899, daughter of Albert-Henry and Ethel-Louise (Mason) Bagloe.

Mr. Stone is an optician and studied at the Philadelphia Optical School.

Children (Stone):

- i. ELLSWORTH-HARLAND ⁹ STONE, b. 29 Jan. 1905, Attleboro, living 1931, Greenwood, Mass.
- ii. FREDERICK-ELLIS STONE, b. 16 Feb. 1909, Winthrop, living 1931, Chicago, Ill.; m. ————. Child (Stone), *Beverly-Jane*, b. 29 Jan. 1930.

By his second wife, Mr. Stone had born in Winthrop:

- iii. ROGER-BAGLOE STONE, b. 20 Feb. 1925.

55. LILA MAY ⁸ MACOMBER (*Sarah-Louisa* ⁷ *Slade, Sarah* ⁶ *Briggs, Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Acushnet, Mass., 16 Sept. 1869, living 1931. She married, first, in Acushnet, 25 Dec. 1888, FREDERICK-A. GIFFORD, born in New Bedford, Mass., 12 Apr. 1867, died there, 31 Jan. 1904, aged thirty-eight, son of William-D. and Esther-G. (Russell) Gifford. She married, secondly, in New Bedford, 24 Nov. 1904, ARTHUR-C. WHITE, born in Acushnet, in 1880, son of Benjamin-F. and Elizabeth-F. (Richards) White.

Children (Gifford), born in New Bedford:

- i. ELSIE-MAY ⁹ GIFFORD, living 1931, in Fairhaven; m. HAROLD-S. MACOMBER. Children (Macomber), (1) *Harold-S.*; (2) *Russell*; (3) *Bernice-M.*
- ii. WILLIAM-D. GIFFORD; m. MARY ———. Children (Gifford), (1) *George*; (2) *Hazel*; (3) *Dorothy*; (4) *Marjorie*.
- iii. FREDERICK-M. GIFFORD; m. EMILY-B. ———. Children (Gifford),

(1) *Frederick-R.*⁸ (2) *Lloyd-Milton*, b. 17 Mar. 1918; (3) *Kenneth-A.*; (4) *Donald*.

iv. HELEN-W. GIFFORD, unmarried, d. 15 May 1917.

v. GEORGE-M. GIFFORD; m. VIOLA ———. No children.

56. WILLIAM B.⁸ MACOMBER (*Sarah-Louisa*⁷ *Slade*, *Sarah*⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*² *William*¹), born in Acushnet, Mass., 24 Dec. 1870, died in April 1926. He married in Acushnet, 23 Dec. 1891, NETTIE-M. MCCAIN, born in Florida, N. Y., in 1872, daughter of Frank and Gennett (———) McCain.

Child (Macomber), born in Acushnet:

i. WILLIAM-W.⁹ MACOMBER; m. Nina ———. He served in the World War. No children.

57. EMERSON AUGUSTUS⁸ SLADE (*Caleb*⁷ *Slade*, *Sarah*⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Mattapoisett, Mass., 11 Oct. 1876, living in Attleboro, Mass., in 1931. He married in New Bedford, Mass., 1 Dec. 1898, ALICE-RACHEL REYNOLDS, born there, 13 June 1878, daughter of Warren and Elizabeth-Congdon (Howard) Reynolds.

Mr. Slade is a traveling salesman, was educated in the schools of Acushnet, Mass., and New Bedford, and was formerly a manufacturing jeweler. He is a Free Mason. His wife was formerly the book-keeper and cashier in the store of Caleb Slade in New Bedford.

Children (Slade), born in Attleboro:

i. DOROTHY-HOWARD⁹ SLADE, b. 1 July 1903.

ii. MILLICENT-MORSE SLADE, b. 15 Dec. 1904, d. 26 Jan. 1905, Attleboro.

58. CHARLES ALFRED⁸ BRIGGS (*Alfred-Allen*⁷, *Alfred*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Mansfield, Mass., 4 Aug. 1871, living 1931 in Norwood, Mass. He married, first, in Medford, Mass., 7 June 1893, CARRIE-R. MCLEAN, born there, 28 Aug. 1867, died in Franklin, Mass., 23 Nov. 1895, daughter of William and Ann (Rogers) McLean, originally of St. John, New Brunswick. He married, secondly, in Franklin, 17 Sept. 1902, EVA-ETTA⁸ WHITING, born there, 24 May 1874, living 1931, daughter of Joseph-Milton⁷ and Adelia-Emma (Sprague) Whiting, and granddaughter of Lydia-Adeline⁶ (Briggs) Whiting.

Mr. Briggs attended Bryant and Stratton's Business College and is a candy manufacturer. The present Mrs. Briggs attended Dean Academy and the Framingham State Normal School. She has been a public lecturer and teacher of government and civics, and has been a regent of the Daughters of the Revolution, president of the Boston Women's Civic Club, and of the Norwood Women's Club, and a director of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Children by Carrie-R. McLean, born in Franklin:

- i. WILLIAM-EARLE ⁹, b. 16 Jan. 1895, living 1931 Norwood; m. 15 June 1921, Cambridge, Mass., MABEL-CHRISTIE STUBBS, b. 20 Jan. 1896, St. John, New Brunswick, dau. of Samuel-John and Ada-Caroline (Mabie) Stubbs. By occupation a sales manager, Mr. Briggs was educated at Worcester Academy and Boston University, and served in the World War; his wife attended Boston University. No children.
- ii. CHARLES-ALFRED, JR., b. 20 Nov. 1895, d. Aug. 1896.

59. EVA ROGERS ⁸ BRIGGS (*Alfred-Allen* ⁷, *Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Mansfield, Mass., 23 Nov. 1879, living there in 1931. She married, first, in Mansfield, 3 Apr. 1901, WILLIAM-E. PARMENTER, born in Pawtucket, R. I., 3 June 1875, son of Richard and Maria-Louise (Johnson) Parmenter. They were divorced and she married, secondly, possibly in Rhode Island, 29 Sept. 1924, DAVID-A. WHITE, son of David and Elizabeth (——) White of Middleboro, Mass.

It has been difficult to secure much information about Eva-Rogers (Briggs) (Parmenter) White, although, in some instances, the Massachusetts State Records have been consulted.

Children (Parmenter), born in Mansfield:

- i. GERTRUDE-ANN ⁹ PARMENTER, b. 30 June 1901, d. 14 May 1908.
- ii. WILLIAM-ALFRED PARMENTER, b. 8 July 1903, living 1931 at Broad Rock Farm, Peacedale, R. I.; m. 2 Sept. 1927, MARGARET MACHALLER, they have separated. Child (Parmenter), b. Providence, R. I., *William-Alfred*, b. 10 July 1929.
- iii. HARRIET-MARION PARMENTER, b. 10 Nov. 1904.
- iv. NELLIE-MAY PARMENTER, b. 4 Oct. 1905, living 1931; m. 3 Apr. 1926, WESTON MONK, son of Charles-A. and Emma-C. (Rankin) Monk of Easton, Mass. Children (Monk), (1) *Emma-Louise*, b. 16 Jan. 1927; (2) *Mildred-Ruth*, b. 14 May 1929.
- v. EVA-LOUISE PARMENTER, b. 29 Oct. 1907, d. 21 May 1908.

60. GEORGE HAROLD ⁸ BRIGGS (*Alfred-Allen* ⁷, *Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Mansfield, Mass., 24 Apr. 1888, living there in 1931. He married, first, in Boston, Mass., 29 Aug. 1905, ELMINA-J. ROGERS, born in Nova Scotia, in 1890, died 15 Feb. 1909, daughter of William and Emeline (Grant) Rogers. He married, secondly, in Boston, 27 May 1909, ELIZABETH-R. SMITH, born in Providence, R. I., in 1890, daughter of Allen-B. and Elizabeth-A. (Clark) Smith. He married, thirdly, in Philadelphia, Pa., 14 Feb. 1912, MARY-HAWTHORNE-WALKER AULD, born in New Castle, Del., 7 Aug. 1885, living 1931, daughter of —— and Mary (Louth) Auld.

Mr. Briggs is a candy manufacturer, was educated in the public

schools of Mansfield and served during the World War as a Secret Service Agent for the Department of Justice.

Children by Elmina-J. Rogers:

- i. FLORENCE-EMELINE ⁹, b. 14 June 1906, d. 1 Sept. 1915.

By Mary-Hawthorne-Walker Auld:

- ii. GEORGE-HAROLD, JR., b. 27 Nov. 1912, Philadelphia.
- iii. JOHN-ALFRED, b. 16 Aug. 1915, Mansfield.
- iv. VIRGINIA-ANN, b. 26 Jan. 1917, Mansfield.
- v. PRISCILLA-MARY, b. 16 Dec. 1925, Norwood, Mass.

61. JUDGE WALTER ALBERT ⁸ BRIGGS (*John-Shaw* ⁷, *Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 25 July 1883, living there in 1931. He married in Providence, R. I., 15 Nov. 1912, LILLIAN-EMILY MACRAE, born there, 14 Aug. 1884, daughter of Farquhar and Esther-Scott (Swan) Macrae.

Judge Briggs received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy from Brown University in 1906, and was graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1909, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He practises his profession in Attleboro and is a special justice of the Fourth District Court of Bristol County. He has served his city as member of the Town Finance Committee, member of the School Committee and member of the City Council, and is a member of the Ashler Lodge, A. F. & M., Elks Lodge Number 1014, Red Men Pokanoket Tribe 38, and of the Attleboro Lions Club.

Mrs. Briggs' father, Farquhar Macrae, was a florist in Providence and came from Edinburgh, Scotland, and her mother, Mrs. Macrae, came originally from Picto County, Nova Scotia, and was also of Scotch descent.

It is almost entirely due to Judge Briggs that this history of the Briggs family has been compiled, his interest has never flagged, his patience has been most persevering, and but for his assumption of the responsibility of gaining the approbation and coöperation of the rest of the family, it is doubtful if these records would ever have been completed or published.

Children born in Attleboro:

- i. VIRGINIA-MACRAE ⁹, b. 14 Nov. 1914.
- ii. LYDIA-RICHARDSON, b. 4 May 1918.

62. ELSIE SALOME ⁸ CODDING (*Alena-Wright* ⁷ Briggs, *Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Mansfield, Mass., 31 Dec. 1889, living in Winthrop, Mass., in 1931. She married in Providence, R. I., 17 Jan. 1906, ARTHUR-SAMUEL DIDHAM, born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 29 July 1887, son of Joshua and Sarah (Stoyles) Didham.

They have lived in Foxboro, Mass., and Roxbury District (Boston), Mass.

Children (Didham):

- i. RALF-CLIFFORD ⁹ DIDHAM, b. 24 Nov. 1906, Foxboro, living 1931; m. 22 Dec. 1928, Boston, HAZEL CALKINS, b. 1908, Boston, dau. of Frith and Fredricka (Schmidt) Calkin. Child (Didham), *Jacquelyn-Lee*, b. 4 Apr. 1930.
- ii. FLORENCE-RUTH DIDHAM, b. 29 Mar. 1912, Foxboro, d. there 15 Sept. 1912.
- iii. HELEN-GERTRUDE DIDHAM, b. 3 Apr. 1913, Roxbury, d. there 29 Aug. 1913.
- iv. ALICE-GWENDYLN DIDHAM, b. 17 Dec. 1914, Roxbury.
- v. ARTHUR-WILLIAM DIDHAM, b. 16 Sept. 1922, Chelsea, Mass.

63. CHESTER ARTHUR ⁸ THURBER (*Lydia-Richardson* ⁷ *Briggs*, *Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 5 Mar. 1886, living in Norton, Mass., in 1931. He married in Attleboro, 6 Feb. 1907, LAURA-EVA HASKELL, born in Norton, 29 Dec. 1888, daughter of Benjamin-Frederick-Plummer and Laura-Eva (Coville) Haskell.

Child (Thurber), born in Norton:

FRANCES-HASKELL ⁹ THURBER, b. 4 Mar. 1910, living 1931, Marblehead, Mass.; m. there, 20 June 1931, RAYMOND-WALTER-EUGENE ROBERGE, b. 6 Sept. 1908, Taunton, Mass., son of Isaac-Joseph and Alice-E. (Nolette) Roberge. Mr. Roberge served in the Marine Corps, and is an electrician.

64. INEZ EVELYN ⁸ THURBER (*Lydia-Richardson* ⁷ *Briggs*, *Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 22 July 1887, living there, in 1931. She married there, 18 Nov. 1908, PERCY-ALLEN DEAN, born there, 17 Aug. 1887, son of Ellis-Manchester and Lavinia-Adelaide (Bates) Dean.

Mr. Dean has always lived in Attleboro and is by trade a meat cutter. Their marriage was performed by Rev. James-Lee Mitchell, a clergyman of that city.

Children (Dean), born in Attleboro:

- i. ALLEN-MANCHESTER ⁹ DEAN, b. 16 Nov. 1909.
- ii. ELLIS-ARTHUR DEAN, b. 12 May 1911.
- iii. EVELYN DEAN, b. 11 July 1913.
- iv. MARION-LAVINIA DEAN, b. 11 Mar. 1922.

65. ELBERT HENRY ⁸ THURBER (*Lydia-Richardson* ⁷ *Briggs*, *Alfred* ⁶, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 7 Oct. 1890, living there, in 1931. He married there, 6 Sept. 1911, MILDRED-WOODWARD FRENCH, born in Norton,

Mass., 3 May 1891, daughter of Augustus-Mason and Josephine-Maud (Cunningham) French.

Mr. Thurber was educated in the public schools of Attleboro, where he is a jeweler.

Children (Thurber), born in Attleboro:

- i. EVERETT-MASON⁹ THURBER, b. 11 Nov. 1912.
- ii. ROBERT-EARL THURBER, b. 12 Sept. 1918.

66. REVEREND ARTHUR SHEPARD⁸ THURBER, JR. (*Lydia-Richardson*⁷ Briggs, *Alfred*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 29 July 1895, living in Norwood, R. I., in 1931. He married in Attleboro, 19 Aug. 1926, RUTH-LILLIAN DOW, born in Beverly, Mass., 27 Dec. 1897, daughter of Forest-Almyr and Myra-Parsons (Foster) Dow.

He attended the Attleboro Schools and Gordon College, and is a Minister of the Gospel, under the Baptist denomination. Mrs. Thurber was a school teacher, was graduated from Ipswich High School, and the Salem Normal School. They have lived in Lynn, Mass., and in Norwood.

Children (Thurber), born in Lynn:

- i. MYRA-LYDIA⁹ THURBER, b. 27 Aug. 1927.
- ii. ARTHUR-FORREST THURBER, b. 28 Mar. 1929.

67. RALPH EDWARD⁸ PARMENTER (*Cordelia-Louritta*⁷ Briggs, *Alfred*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 2 Aug. 1884, living in Pembroke, N. H., in 1931. He married in Londonderry, N. H., 14 Jan. 1920, PEARL-AGNES REID, born there, 20 July 1887, daughter of Phineas-A., and Addie-A. (Chase) Reid.*

Mr. Parmenter has served as a selectman in Londonderry; his wife is the regent of the Andrew Buntin Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Child (Parmenter), born in Manchester, N. H.:

- READ⁹ PARMENTER, b. 5 July 1924.

68. LOTTIE BRIGGS⁸ PARMENTER (*Cordelia-Louritta*⁷ Briggs, *Alfred*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 19 Dec. 1887, living in Nashua, N. H., in 1931. She married in Londonderry, N. H., 20 July 1914, CHESTER-DUANE WRIGHT, born there, 6 June 1886, son of Charles-Mayo and Eliza-Jane (Sherman) Wright.

* Mrs. Parmenter wrote the compiler that the family name was originally "Read," but that in her father's generation her branch of the family spelled it "Reid," and in naming her son, she returned to the original spelling of the name.

Mr. Wright is a post office clerk in Nashua, and attended the Nashua public schools and the Lowell Business College.

Children (Wright), born in Nashua:

- i. GLENN-EDWARD WRIGHT, b. 28 Nov. 1921.
- ii. REVA-ANN WRIGHT, b. 11 Mar. 1927.

69. DRAPER WATTS⁸ PARMENTER (*Cordelia-Louritta*⁷ Briggs, *Alfred*⁶, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 20 Nov. 1899, living in Hudson, N. H., in 1931. He married in Londonderry, N. H., 13 Mar. 1921, LUCY-MAY BOYDEN, born in Sharon, Mass., 12 Apr. 1902, daughter of Elmer-Nelson and Esther-May (Butler) Boyden.

Mr. Parmenter was educated in Pinkerton Academy and New Hampshire University; during the World War he attended a training camp.

Children (Parmenter), born in Derry, N. H.:

- i. RAE⁹ PARMENTER, b. 12 Sept. 1922.
- ii. DRAPER-WATTS PARMENTER JR., b. 17 Oct. 1925.

70. FLORA BELLE⁸ WHITING (*Samuel*⁷, *Lydia-Adeline*⁶ Briggs, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 2 June 1874, died in Boston, Mass., 6 June 1929. She married, first, in Rutland, Mass., 20 Sept. 1893, LYMAN-ELBRIDGE JONES, born in Holliston, Mass., in 1872, son of Augustus-V. and Louisa-N. (Nichols) Jones; they were divorced in January 1904. She married, secondly, in Nashua, N. H., 28 Dec. 1910, JOHN-F. SMITH, born in Hull, Mass., in 1882, son of John and Margaret (Moore) Smith.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Smith's residence was in Hull. It has been impossible to secure further data from descendants than what is given here.

Children (Jones):

- i. AUGUSTUS-LYMAN⁹ JONES, b. 14 Jan. 1895, living 1931, Auburndale, Fla.; m. (1), 8 June 1920, ANNISE HARRIS, who d. 31 Oct. 1921; he m. (2), 31 Dec. 1923, CARRIE TOMLINSON.
- ii. GRACE-LOUISA JONES, b. 8 Sept. 1896, living 1931, Dorchester, Mass.; m. 8 Sept. 1920, Hull, FERNAND-L. MATHIEU, b. 1873, Cambridge, Mass., son of Amete and Julia (Basset) Mathieu. Child (Mathieu), *Arthur-E.*, b. 20 July 1921.

71. ETHEL MAY⁸ WHITING (*Samuel*⁷, *Lydia-Adeline*⁶ Briggs, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Holliston, Mass., 22 Mar. 1878, living in Nantasket Beach, Mass., in 1931. She married in Dana, Mass., 24 Aug. 1897, WILLIE-MILES DE MOND, born in Rutland, Mass., 4 Dec. 1876, son of Daniel and Sarah-Elizabeth (Briggs) De Mond.

During the World War, Mrs. De Mond worked in a powder plant; she is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. De Mond's mother, Sarah-Elizabeth (Briggs) De Mond, was born in England and came to this country when a little girl of six years with her widowed mother, settling in Amesbury, Mass. They belonged to a family of Briggs that were carriage makers in Amesbury.

Children (De Mond), born in Rutland:

- i. CHESTER-WHITING ⁹ DE MOND, b. 15 Jan. 1900, living 1931, Brooklyn, N. Y. City; m. there, 21 June 1923, HELEN-DOROTHY WESTCOTT, b. 28 Mar. 1894, Debois, Pa., son of James-Hobart and Caroline-Rosina (Reinhard) Westcott. When only fifteen, Mr. De Mond was graduated from the Leominster High School in 1915; entered Dartmouth College in September 1915, resigned to enlist in the U. S. Marine Corps in May 1918; sailed for France June 1918, fought in the Second Battle of the Marne and the Meuse-Argonne, was in front line for "Over the Top," on Armistice Day, with A. E. F. in Germany until August 1919, when he returned to the U. S. A.; re-entered Dartmouth and was graduated from there in 1921, with Bachelor of Arts degree; now junior manager of Price, Waterhouse Co., N. Y. City, having previously acquired degree of Certified Public Accountant, an accomplished musician on both violin and piano; member Sigma Phi Epsilon. Mrs. De Mond is a statistician and served with the British War Mission. Child (De Mond), b. Brooklyn, *Carol-Westcott*, b. 28 Feb. 1928.
- ii. BELLE-AUGUSTA DE MOND, b. 8 June 1902, d. 10 Nov. 1902, Rutland.

72. MARIETTA E.⁸ HARRIS (*Lydia-Adeline* ⁷ *Whiting*, *Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Somerville, Mass., 23 Oct. 1875, living in West Roxbury District, Boston, Mass., in 1931. She married in Franklin, Mass., 5 Nov. 1898, CHARLES-A. ROBINSON, born in Smiths Basin, N. Y., in 1873, son of Oscar and Lucretia-A. (Moore) Robinson.

At the time of his marriage, Mr. Robinson was living in Brockton, Mass., and was then a bookkeeper; his wife had been living in Franklin, and was a school teacher. Neither Mrs. Robinson nor her daughter would send in their records to the compiler.

Child (Robinson), born in Franklin:

MURIEL-VIVIEN ⁹ ROBINSON, b. 7 Jan. 1900, living 1931; m. 11 Mar. 1925, Boston, ROBERT-FORESTER BOGER, b. 1901, Parkersburg, W. Va., son of Cyrus-M. and Bertha-M. (Forester) Boger.

73. FRANCES ELLEN ⁸ WHITING (*Joseph-Milton* ⁷ *Whiting*, *Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 18 Jan. 1873, living in London, Eng.,

in 1931. She married in Franklin, 10 Oct. 1905, FERDINAND-ADOLPH LASKY, born in Vienna, Austria Hungary, 15 Jan. 1871, died in 1927, son of Adolph and Henrietta (Bock) Lasky.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Lasky was a school teacher; she having been educated at Dean Academy and at Boston University. Her husband was an accountant.

Child (Lasky), born in Boston:

- i. BARBARA ⁹ LASKY, b. 13 Mar. 1911.

74. EDNA JOSEPHINE ⁸ WHITING (*Alfred-Daniel ⁷ Whiting, Lydia-Adeline ⁶ Briggs, Emerson ⁵, Jacob ⁴, Seth ³, William ², William ¹*), born in Franklin, Mass., 2 Mar. 1884, living in Janesville, Wis., in 1931. She married in Melrose, Mass., 2 Oct. 1907, JESSE-THOMAS GEORGE, born in Attleboro, Mass., 21 Apr. 1882, son of Harvey and Ida-Adelia (Paginton) George.

Mr. George is a mechanical engineer, was educated in the public schools of Wrentham, Mass., and is a graduate of Brown and Sharpe. He served for seven years in the Rhode Island Militia.

Children (George), first born in Attleboro, rest in Providence, R. I.:

- i. LOIS-ALFREDA ⁹ GEORGE, b. 24 Dec. 1908.
- ii. MYRTLE-EDNA GEORGE, b. 25 Feb. 1911.
- iii. DOROTHEA-ELIZABETH GEORGE, b. 26 Feb. 1919, d. 5 Mar. 1919.

75. FLORA ANGELINE ⁸ WHITING (*Alfred-Daniel ⁷ Whiting, Lydia-Adeline ⁶ Briggs, Emerson ⁵, Jacob ⁴, Seth ³, William ², William ¹*), born in Franklin, Mass., 18 Dec. 1889, living in Roxbury (Boston), Mass., in 1931. She married in St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1 Sept. 1916, PETER-J. BOTANA, born in Boston, Mass., 30 Nov. 1874, son of John-Joseph and Louise (Madeias) Botana.

Children:

- i. CHARLES-ALFRED ⁹ WHITING, b. 8 July 1910, Providence, R. I., d. 15 Dec. 1917, Roxbury.
- ii. PHILIP-GORDON BOTANA, b. 7 Jan. 1916.
- iii. CAROLYN-WHITING BOTANA, b. 29 Mar. 1921.
- iv. KENNETH-CHARLES BOTANA, b. 27 Mar. 1927.

76. MARTHA HAZEL ⁸ WHITING (*Alfred-Daniel ⁷ Whiting, Lydia-Adeline ⁶ Briggs, Emerson ⁵, Jacob ⁴, Seth ³, William ², William ¹*), born in Franklin, Mass., 29 Feb. 1892, living in Malden, Mass., in 1931. She married there, 8 July 1914, WARREN-ALGER HUTCHINS, born in South Boston, Mass., 3 Dec. 1871, son of Warren-Clement and Orrie (Payne) Hutchins.

Mr. Hutchins is a structural engineer. Since their marriage they have always lived in Malden.

Children (Hutchins), born in Malden:

- i. WARREN-CLEMENT ⁹ HUTCHINS, b. 17 Sept. 1915.
- ii. GEORGE-ALFRED HUTCHINS, b. 27 Feb. 1923.

77. HELEN ALLEGRA ⁸ WHITING (*Alfred-Daniel* ⁷ *Whiting*, *Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 10 Mar. 1897, living in Boston, Mass., in 1931. She married in New York City, 13 June 1918, BERT-RICHARD CHAMP, born in Washington Mills, N. Y., 7 Dec. 1897, son of Harry-G. and Ida (Schreck) Champ. They are divorced.

Mrs. Champ is a dress and millinery operator. Her husband served in the Navy during the World War.

Children (Champ):

- i. BERT-RICHARD ⁹ CHAMP, b. 27 Nov. 1919, New York City, a patient at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton, Mass., in 1931.
- ii. JOHN-ALVIN CHAMP, b. 18 Apr. 1927, Roxbury, Mass.
- iii. EARLE-DAVID CHAMP, b. 14 Nov. 1929, Boston.

78. BERTHA WHITING ⁸ KINGSBURY (*Isabelle-French* ⁷ *Whiting*, *Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Medfield, Mass., 20 Jan. 1882, living in Medfield, Mass., in 1931. She married there, 14 Sept. 1904, HERBERT-JOHNSTON WILKINS, born in Alma, New Brunswick, 9 Jan. 1877, son of Johnston and Nancy (Smith) Wilkins.

Mrs. Wilkins was educated at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, N. H., Montpelier Seminary, Montpelier, Vt., the Normal Art School, and the Conservatory of Music, in Boston, Mass. Mrs. Wilkins runs a restaurant. Mr. Wilkins is in the insurance business. They have lived in Medfield, Providence, R. I., and Norwalk, Conn.

Children (Wilkins), last three born in Norwalk:

- i. BEATRICE-ISABELLE ⁹ WILKINS, b. 1 Feb. 1905, Providence.
- ii. WESLEY-THEODORE WILKINS, b. 11 May 1906, Medfield, living 1931, Norwalk; m. 12 Mar. 1930, Medfield, HELEN-KATHARINE SHAY, b. 26 Oct. 1908, Norwalk, dau. of Stephen and Mary (——) Shay. No children.
- iii. EMERSON-EDWIN WILKINS, b. 11 Jan. 1908, Medfield, d. there, 20 Jan. 1909.
- iv. EDITH-EVELYN WILKINS, b. 9 Feb. 1913.
- v. HERBERT-JOHNSTON WILKINS, JR., b. 5 May 1918.
- vi. VIRGINIA-ELIZABETH WILKINS, b. 8 Jan. 1921, d. 15 Jan. 1921, Norwalk.

79. CHARLES ALBERT ⁸ WOODWARD (*Clara-Adelia* ⁷ *Whiting*, *Lydia-Adeline* ⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 3 Mar. 1881, living there in 1931.

He married there, 11 June 1903, CATHERINE MORRISON, born in Elgin, Scotland, 30 Nov. 1882, daughter of John and Elspeth (Frazer) Morrison.

Mr. Woodward is a fireman and was educated in the Franklin public schools.

Children (Woodward), born in Franklin:

- i. CATHLEEN-MARION⁹ WOODWARD, b. 23 Nov. 1904, living 1931, Quincy, Mass.; m. 1 June 1928, Franklin, GEORGE COWIE, b. 4 Aug. 1899, Wales, Great Britain, son of Alexander and Mary (Donald) Cowie. Mr. Cowie is a glazier and was educated in the schools of Aberdeen, Scotland; Mrs. Cowie attended the College of Practical Arts and Letters, Boston University. Child (Cowie), b. Quincy, *Barbara-Marion*, b. 3 July 1929.
- ii. CATHERINE-MAY WOODWARD, b. 23 Nov. 1904 (*twin*), living 1931, Woonsocket, R. I.; m. 10 Sept. 1929, Franklin, ELMER-WARFIELD CROOKS. Child (Crooks), *Howard-Elmer*, b. 31 Jan. 1931.
- iii. CHARLES-EVERETT WOODWARD, b. 3 Mar. 1906.
- iv. MARJORIE-ADELINE WOODWARD, b. 24 Oct. 1907.
- v. LILLIAN-ELSPETH WOODWARD, b. 21 Dec. 1909.
- vi. DONALD-WHITING WOODWARD, b. 20 Feb. 1912.
- vii. GORDON-LENNOX WOODWARD, b. 27 Feb. 1915.

80. ALICE JEANNETTE⁸ WOODWARD (*Clara-Adela*⁷ *Whiting*, *Lydia-Adeline*⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 11 Feb. 1889, living there in 1931. She married in Natick, Mass., 24 Feb. 1912, WALTER-ERWIN MORSE, born in Norfolk, Mass., 29 July 1889, son of John-Lewis and Victoria (Jenest) Morse.

Mr. Morse was formerly with the International Trust Company and the First National Bank in Boston. He is now the Assistant Cashier of the Franklin National Bank.

Children (Morse), last born in Boston, Mass., rest in Franklin:

- i. BEULAH-LOUISE⁹ MORSE, b. 18 May 1913.
- ii. CHARLOTTE-JEANNETTE, b. 1 July 1917.
- iii. DOROTHY-MARIETTE, b. 4 June 1919.

81. ARTHUR CLIFFORD⁸ WOODWARD (*Clara-Adela*⁷ *Whiting*, *Lydia-Adeline*⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson*⁵, *Jacob*⁴, *Seth*³, *William*², *William*¹), born in Franklin, Mass., 19 July 1893, living there in 1931. He married there, 5 Jan. 1921, FRANCES-ISABELLE ROSS, born in Mendon, Mass., 26 Nov. 1897, daughter of Gordon and Grace-Greenwood (Cook) Ross.

Mr. Woodward is a manufacturer and salesman, has served in the infantry in the Massachusetts National Guard, and during the World War was for fourteen months a sergeant in the Ordinance Department. Both Mr. Woodward and his wife were educated in business colleges.

Children (Woodward), born in Franklin:

- i. ELINOR-ADELINE ⁹ WOODWARD, b. 22 Aug. 1921.
- ii. PHYLLIS-GRACE WOODWARD, b. 28 Feb. 1923.
- iii. MARION-FRANCES WOODWARD, b. 28 Feb. 1927.
- iv. MARJORIE-LUCILLE WOODWARD, b. 22 Sept. 1928.

82. MARTHA MARIA ⁸ JANES (*Martha-Cora* ⁷ *Coddington*, *Martha* ⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Mansfield, Mass., 16 Nov. 1879, living there in 1931. She married there, 20 Dec. 1904, WALTER-CHASE CHEVERS, born in Cranston, R. I., in 1881, son of Orville and Margaret (Enwright) Chevers.*

Child (Chevers):

- i. ORVILLE-HENRY ⁹ CHEVERS, b. 4 Jan. 1907.

83. MAUD EVERETT ⁸ JANES (*Martha-Cora* ⁷ *Coddington*, *Martha-Cora* ⁶ *Briggs*, *Emerson* ⁵, *Jacob* ⁴, *Seth* ³, *William* ², *William* ¹), born in Mansfield, Mass., 17 Apr. 1883, living in Foxboro, Mass., in 1931. She married in Foxboro, 31 Aug. 1908, CHESTER-ELISHA ROCKWOOD, born in Norfolk, Mass., 15 Aug. 1882, son of Elisha-Ware and Eunice-Louisa (Clark) Rockwood.

Mr. Rockwood is a carpenter and was educated in the public schools of Norfolk, his wife receiving her education in the public schools of her native town.

Children (Rockwood), born in Norfolk:

- i. BARBARA ⁹ ROCKWOOD, b. 13 May 1913.
- ii. MARTHA-LOUISE ROCKWOOD, b. 30 June 1911, d. 1 July 1911, Norfolk.

* Mrs. Chevers would not supply any data so this account is not as complete as the compiler would like it to be.

APPENDIX

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The "Richardson Memorial" published many years ago is in error concerning the identity of Seth Richardson, father of Lydia (Richardson) Briggs as the following pages will prove. This Seth Richardson married Sarah French and was not that Seth ⁴ Richardson born 1723, son of Seth ³, and grandson of Stephen ² Richardson, but was indeed a Seth ⁵ Richardson born 1756 and son of Seth ⁴, grandson of Francis ³, and great grandson of Stephen ² Richardson, the two Seths being first cousins-once-removed as the legal term expresses it. The Seth ⁴, born 1723, evidently died young, for his father's estate of 1747 only mentions a widow Mary and four daughters, and no sons; the said father, Seth ³ Richardson, born in Woburn in 1690, had married a Mary Brown, and in 1711 removed from Woburn, Mass., to Attleboro, Mass., where he had son, Seth ⁴, born 26 May 1723. If the compiler of the "Richardson Memorial" had consulted land and probate records the error would not have been published in the book. The correct line runs as follows:

SAMUEL ¹ RICHARDSON, of Charlestown and Woburn, who died in Woburn, Mass., 23 Mar. 1656, had by wife JOANNA ———, among other children, son STEPHEN ².

STEPHEN ² RICHARDSON (*Samuel*), born in Woburn, Mass., 15 Aug. 1649, died there, testate, 22 Mar. 1718, aged sixty-seven years. He married in Billerica, Mass., recorded in Woburn, 2 Jan. 1675, ABIGAIL WYMAN, born probably in Woburn, about 1660, died there, 17 Sept. 1720, intestate, aged sixty years, daughter of Francis Wyman. They had a large family, their sons being: STEPHEN ³ born 1676; WILLIAM ³ born 1678; FRANCIS ³ born 1681; TIMOTHY ³ born 1688; SETH ³ born 1690 (*vide supra*); DANIEL ³ born 1691; SOLOMON ³ born 1702; and HENRY ³ born 1704. In 1708, deed recorded in 1749, Stephen ² Richardson sold his son, Francis ³, land in Charlestown, an abstract of said deed will be found under the account of Francis ³ Richardson. An abstract of the will of Stephen ² Richardson follows:

"I Stephen Richardson Senior of Wooburn . . . Yeoman, being aged, and under deceases of Nature, do . . . Ordain . . . this . . . my Last will and Testament . . . in the following manner . . .

Item . . . My Will is and I do hereby Give . . . unto my Dearly Beloved Wife Abigail . . . all . . . my personal Estate . . . the free use and improvement of my dwelling House and orchard . . . during the time that Shee Shall Remain my Widdow and I do . . . Appoint my Son Daniell

Richardson to keep . . . for my Wife two Cowes . . . untill my Son Solomon doth arrive the age of one and twenty years . . . Besides what I . . . gave unto my Eldest Son Stephen Richardson Deceased . . . I further Give unto the surviving Children of my Said Son Stephen . . . To my Son William Richardson . . . To my Son Francis Richardson, besides what I have formerly possessed him of upon marriage and otherwayes which I account his full portion out of my Estate I further give unto him five shillings as a token of my love . . . To my daughter Abigail Vinton . . . To my Son Timothy Richardson . . . To my Daughter Prudence Kendall . . . To my Son Seth Richardson . . . to my Daughter Mary Richardson . . . To my two Sons Daniell Richardson and Solomon Richardson . . . my Homestead formerly belonging to my Brother Samuel Richardson Deceased." Signed. Dated 12 Aug. 1713, proved 3 Apr. 1718. [He left all of his property to his sons, Daniel and Solomon, and took five pages to do so.] Wit.: Joseph Richardson, Jr.*, Stephen Richardson, Jr.*, Thomas Richardson, and James Towle*. (*Middlesex Probate*, 19143.)

The widow, Abigail Richardson, died intestate, and Theophilus Richardson was appointed the administrator of her estate. There were many papers filed in settling the same, many of them being of interest, among the receipts it is cited that:

"october 20 ye 1720 Then Received of Theophilus Richardson . . . by me francis Richardson" [his share].

Among the heirs of her estate were: Solomon Richardson a minor, John Vinton the husband of Abigail Vinton, Daniel Richardson, Mary Balston [she had "an amber Necklace"], Francis Richardson, Seth Richardson, Prudence Kendall, William Richardson. (*Ibid.*, 18852.)

FRANCIS³ RICHARDSON (*Stephen*², *Samuel*¹), born in Woburn, Mass., 15 Jan. 1681, died in Attleboro, Mass., 14 Jan. 1756, testate. He married in Charlestown, Mass., 7 July 1708, SARAH HOUGHTON, born in Lancaster, Mass., about 1680, died in Attleboro, 27 Jan. 1770, aged ninety years, daughter of Jonas Houghton, Sr., of Lancaster.

Brief abstracts of his land records follow:

14 June 1705, Asaph Lane of Attleborough, for £10-5s., sells to Francis Richardson of same, twenty-five acres there, acknowledged 1716, recorded 1731, signs by mark, wit: Anna Leonard, Phebe Leonard. (*Bristol Deeds*, 21: 11.)

18 June 1708, "I Stephen Richardson Sen * of the Town of Woburn . . . Yeoman for . . . the fatherly Love and affection which I have and do bear towards my dutiful son Francis Richardson of the same Town and also in consideration of the Sum of ten pounds . . . confirm unto my said Francis . . . one certain Tract of Land . . . in . . . Charlestown . . . and is . . . land which I purchased of my Son in Law John Vinton . . . thirty acres . . ." This land was bounded by Eleazer Bateman and Edward Richardson. Wit.: John Russell, James Towle. Recorded 1749. Signed. (*Middlesex Deeds*, 49: 14.)

* "Cousins," i.e., probably his nephews.

15 Feb. 1708-09, "I John Swan of . . . Woburn . . . Butcher for . . . ten pounds . . . paid . . . by Francis Richardson . . . confirm unto him . . . Swamp . . . in . . . Charlestown . . . in Bear Hill Swamp . . ." Signs by mark. Recorded 1749. Wit.: Jacob Wyman, Seth Wyman, James Towle. (*Ibid.*, 49: 16.)

5 June 1713, ". . . Francis Richardson of Charlestown . . . yeoman . . . for . . . One hundred and eighteen pounds . . . paid . . . by Nathaniel Parker of Reading . . . confirm unto the said Nathaniel . . . a certain messuage . . . one Dwelling house and Barn . . . with my homestead . . . in . . . Charlestown . . . Thirty acres." This was bounded by Lynde, John Vinton, Samuel Richardson, et. als. Signs. Wife, Sarah, released her dower rights and signs by mark. Recorded 1714-15. Wit.: Nathaniel Parker Jun^r, Ebenezer Parker, Joseph Underwood. (*Ibid.*, 17: 296.)

12 July 1713, Noah Mason, John Mason, cordwinder, Daniel Mason, husbandman, and Timothy Mason, coaster, all of Rehoboth, sell for £69-10s., to Francis Richardson of Charlestown, husbandman, fifty acres of land in Attleborough, near the new Ironworks in Taunton North Purchase. All sign. Recorded 1731. Acknowledged 1721. Wit.: James Sabin, Daniel Smith. (*Bristol Deeds*, 21: 14.)

11 Nov. 1714, Thomas Fuller of Rehoboth for £3-10s., sells Francis Richardson of Attleborough, a share of meadow on Bungy River, etc. Recorded 1731. Wit.: Peter Aldrich, Daniel Smith. (*Ibid.*, 21: 13.)

25 June 1715, Samuel Mason of Swansey, cordwinder, for £3-10s., sells to Francis Richardson of Attleborough, husbandman, one moiety of meadow in Attleborough. Signs. Acknowledged 1715-16. Recorded 1731. Wit.: Samuel Mason Jun^r, Daniel Smith. (*Ibid.*, 21: 12.)

20 Nov. 1723, "I Francis Richardson of . . . Attle Borough . . . yeoman for . . . [blank] Pounds . . . paid by my brother in law namely Jonas Houghton of . . . Lancaster . . . Carpenter . . . sell . . . unto the said Jonas Houghton . . . all . . . [our] share . . . of the real and personal Estate . . . that of Right appertaineth to me . . . and Sarah my . . . wife . . . due to us . . . from the estate . . . that belonged to our late Hon^d father . . . Jonas Houghton Sen^r late of . . . Lancaster . . . decd." They both sign by mark. Wit.: Thomas Houghton, Amos Sawyer, Wm. Houghton. (*Middlesex Deeds*, 23: 523.)

14 June 1728, John Cambell of Attleborough, for 40s., sells to Francis Richardson of same, husbandman, two acres of land there. Signs by mark. Wit.: Alexander Balkum, James White. Recorded 1731. (*Bristol Deeds*, 21: 13.)

24 May 1734, "I John Cambell of Mendon . . . husbandman for . . . twenty pounds . . . paid by Francis Richardson of Attleborough . . . yeoman . . . confirm unto him . . . one Share . . . in the Towns granted to the heirs of the soldiers which were in the fight at Narragansett against the Indian Enemy which right I purchased of Ebenezer Tiler Samuel Tiler Hannah Green Elizabeth Tiller William Balcom & Mary Balcom . . . in . . . 1728 . . . they being the children of Samuel Tiler deceased who was a soldier in said fight . . ." Signs by mark. Wit.: George Hill, Rachel Leonard. Recorded 1737. (*Ibid.*, 38: 721.)

Francis Richardson left a will dated 26 May 1749, proved 19 Jan. 1756, an abstract of said document follows:

The Last will and testament of Francis Richardson of Attleborough commences "in the seventyeth year of my Age and in a poor state of Bodily health," mentions my "beloved Wife Sary Richardson . . . son Jonas Richardson . . . son Seth Richardson . . . son Ebenezer Richardson . . . Grand Children Francis Jeremiah and Margaret Children of my Son Francis Richardson Deceased . . . Daughter Sarah Cambel wife of John Cambel . . . Daughter Mary Tiffany the wife of Samuel Tiffany . . . Daughter Abigail Fuller wife of Ezekiel Fuller . . . wife Sarah Richardson to be Sole Executor . . ." His signature was witnessed by Benjⁿ Bowen, George Leonard, Jr., and Rachel Leonard, 2d. Codicil, dated 30 Aug. 1750, gives land in Smithfield to daughter Abigail Fuller, and further property to daughter Mary "Tiffaney." Wit.: Abraham Cummings, Mary Richardson her mark, Mary Cummins her mark. 3 Sept. 1766, the grandchild, Francis Richardson, had deceased, and his brother Jeremiah, and sister Margaret, receive his share of the grandfather's estate, etc. (*Bristol Probate.*)

Children, first three born in Woburn, rest in Attleboro:

- i. SARAH ⁴, b. 25 Jan. 1709; m. JOHN CAMPBELL.
- ii. FRANCIS, b. about 1711, d. intestate, 1748, Attleboro; m. MARGARET ———. He passed a deed in 1732, so was then of age. (*Bristol Deeds*, 23:73.) Administration on his estate was granted to the widow Margaret, 7 June 1748, she having for her sureties, Jonas and Seth Richardson, all sign the bond. Jonas was appointed the guardian of *Margaret* a minor under fourteen, daughter of said deceased, and to son *Francis*, also under fourteen, 7 Dec. 1753. 20 Feb. 1759, Jonas was appointed guardian to *Jeremiah* minor son above fourteen, prior to this, 5 Feb. 1759, Francis and Jeremiah petition that their "uncle Jonas Richardson" be their guardian. 12 Mar. 1766, Margaret, being now in her twentieth year, chose Stephen Richardson to be her guardian. Many more papers in this estate. (*Bristol Probate.*)
- iii. MARY, b. 2 July 1714; m. SAMUEL TIFFANY.
- iv. JONAS, b. 11 July 1715, living 1759, Attleboro.
- v. SETH, b. 3 Sept. 1716; m. ABIGAIL SKINNER.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. 1 Sept. 1718; m. EZEKIEL FULLER.
- vii. DAUGHTER, b. 11 Oct. 1720, d. 13 Oct. 1720.
- viii. MERCY, b. 1 Apr. 1725, died young.
- ix. EBENEZER, b. 27 Nov. 1729, living 1749.

SETH ⁴ RICHARDSON, SR. (*Francis* ³, *Stephen* ², *Samuel* ¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., 3 Sept. 1716, died there, 15 Jan. 1785, aged sixty-eight, buried there in the Old Kirkyard Cemetery. He married in Norton, Mass., 25 Apr. 1739, ABIGAIL SKINNER, born there, about 1721, died in Attleboro, 26 Apr. 1811, aged ninety, buried in the Old Kirkyard, daughter of John and Sarah (——) Skinner.

An examination of the Bristol Deeds reveals that there were three contemporary Seth Richardsons in Attleboro in the early part of the eighteenth century. There was the *Seth* ³, born 1690, son of

Stephen ², who bought land there in 1712, and whose son Seth ⁴, born 1723, died young (*vide supra*). Then Timothy ³, born 1688, brother of Seth ³, also removed to Attleboro, and left son Timothy ⁴, born 1715, son Abiel, born 1717, and a son Seth ⁴, who was entirely omitted from the Richardson Genealogy. And Francis ³, born 1681, brother of the above Timothy ³, and Seth ³, as has been explained in his account, also had a son Seth ⁴, from whom this line descends. (*Bristol Deeds, 13: 558; 12: 215; 30: 298; 21: 244; 27: 426; 40: 57; also Bristol Probate.*)

Seth Richardson, Sr., served in the French (or Colonial) Wars viz:

The name of Seth Richardson appears on a list dated Attleborough, 8 Apr. 1757, of the 2d Company of Militia in the town of Attleborough, commanded by Captain Joseph Capron, comprising the Train Band and Alarm List, rank, probably private, reported as belonging to the Train Band. (*Ibid.*, 95: 259.)

Seth had no service in the Revolution, he was of course at that time much too old, apparently his grave has been incorrectly marked as a veteran of that war, it was his son, Seth ⁵ Richardson, who fought therein.

Seth Richardson did not record his children's births in the town records of Attleboro, nor are their baptisms to be found in the church records. There is no settlement of his estate, nor that of his widow's in the probate records. We know from his deeds that he had a son, Seth, Jr., from the French Wars Records that he had a son, Thomas, and it is possible that he also had a son, Jonathan, but his other children are unknown. If the town meeting records of Attleboro were read through it might be possible to secure further data.

Seth was named in his father's will of 1749, and he served as a bondsman for his sister-in-law, Margaret, the widow of his brother, Francis ⁴ Richardson, in 1748, signing the bond. He has only four land transactions of record:

24 Mar. 1767, "I Seth Richardson of Attleborough . . . yeoman & Jonathan Richirson of s^d Attleborough yeoman . . . in consideration of Twenty four pounds . . . paid us by Thomas Richardson of Attleborough . . . Husbandman" convey land and a house thereon in said town which "is Part of Seth Richinsons homestead farm." Both sign. Recorded 1778. Wit.: Elijah Wetherel, George Leonard. (*Bristol Deeds, 58: 158.*)

15 Dec. 1770, John Tiler of Attleborough, gentleman, for 15s., sells to Seth Richardson of same, yeoman, one acre and forty eight rods there, wit: John Tiler, Mary Tiler. (*Ibid.*, 58: 159.)

31 May 1781, "I Seth Richardson of . . . Attleborough . . . yeoman For . . . one hundred and Fifty pounds . . . paid by my son Seth Richardson Jun^r of y^e Town . . . afores^d yeoman And in Consideration of my Son SETHS being Bound (by a Bond bareing even date with these presents) to provide a good & Comfortable Support & Maintainence for my Self & my wife during our Natural Life . . . whereof I do . . . Sell . . . him . . . One Messuage

. . . Situate in s^d Attleborough being my homestead Farm whereon I now Dwell Containing . . . about Seventy Acres of Land . . . with a Dwelling House, a Barn and Corn Barn on ue Same being the whole of my homestead & Real Estate which I now own in sd Attleb^o . . . Note there in included within ye above described Bounds a Lot of Two Acres of Land with a Dwelling House on ye Same which belongs to ye sd Seth Richardson Junr and is excepted and not Sold by these presents . . .” Abigail, his wife, released her dower rights. They both sign by mark. Wit.: John Wilkinson, Daniel Tiffany. Acknowledged 31 May 1781. (*Ibid.*, 60: 332.)

The above deed of course explains why he did not make a will and why an administration was not needed. If the land records of Jonathan Richardson were searched doubtless proof of his parentage might be ascertained.

Children born in Attleboro:

- i. THOMAS ⁵, b. about 1740, living 1767. Served 1759 in the French Wars. The name of Seth Richardson appears in the record of service of Thomas Richardson of Attleboro, as the said Thomas's father or master, 1759. (*Massachusetts Archives*, 97: 165.)
- ii. ? JONATHAN, b. about 1742, living 1767.
- iii. SETH, b. in 1756; m. SARAH FRENCH.
Probably other children.

SETH ⁵ RICHARDSON, JR. (*Seth*, *Sr.*⁴, *Francis*³, *Stephen*², *Samuel*¹), born in Attleboro, Mass., in 1756, died there, 29 Jan. 1824, aged sixty-eight, testate, buried there in the Old Kirkyard Cemetery. He married there, intention dated 12 Jan. 1778, SARAH FRENCH, born there, 6 Apr. 1758, died there, 18 Feb. 1816, aged fifty-seven, buried in the Old Kirkyard, daughter of Thomas and Keziah (Perry) French.

Seth Richardson, Jr., served in the Revolution, and it is his grave that should be marked for this distinction, not his father's grave. He received no pension for this service but the service as recorded follows:

“Richardson, Seth (also given Seth, Jr.). Attleborough, Private, Capt. Stephen Richardson's (Attleborough) co. of Minute-Men, which marched probably on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 9 days; reported enlisted into the army May 15, 1775; *also*, Corporal, Capt. Moses Knap's co., Col. Joseph Reed's regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 8, 1775; service, 3 mos. 1 day; *also*, order for bounty Coat or its equivalent in money dated Roxbury, Nov. 21, 1775; *also*, Capt. Stephen Richardson's 4th (2d Attleborough, also given Attleborough No. 12) co., Col. Dagget's regt.; list of men who were in the 8 months service at Roxbury in 1775, known as the 1st campaign.” (*Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution*, 13: 263-264.)

“Richardson, Seth, Capt. Stephen Richardson's co., marched Sept. 25, 1777; discharged Oct. 29, 1777; service, 1 mo. 6 days, company marched from Attleborough under command of Col. George Williams on a secret expedition.” (*Ibid.*, p. 264.)

"Richardson, Seth, Corporal, Capt. Alexander Foster's co., Col. Isaac Dean's regt.; marched July 31, 1780; discharged Aug. 8, 1780; service, 10 days, including 2 days (36 miles) travel home; company marched to Tiverton, R. I., on the alarm of July 31, 1780. Roll sworn to at Attleborough." (*Ibid.*, p. 264.)

Seth Richardson has but three deeds recorded:

13 Nov. 1777, "I Thomas Richardson of Attleborough . . . yeoman in Consideration of fifty pounds . . . paid to me by Seth Richardson Jun^r of s^d Attelborough Laborer sell . . . land in s^d Attelborough . . . two acres with a Dwelling house . . ." bounded by land of Seth Richardson. Wit.: John Wilkinson, Samuel Tiffany, Junr. (*Bristol Deeds*, 58: 159) [see also *Ibid.*, 58: 158 under Seth, Sr.'s, account.]

31 May 1781, Seth Richardson, Jr., received a deed to his father's holdings in return for an agreement of life care and maintainance of his parents. (*Ibid.*, 60: 332.)

1 Apr. 1806, Lane Round of Attleborough, yeoman, sells to Seth Richardson, of same, yeoman, seven acres there. Wife, Silva Round, releases her dower rights. Wit: Ebenezer Daggett, Caleb Richardson, Jr. (*Ibid.*, 86: 227.)

11 May 1808, Seth Richardson of Attleborough, yeoman, sells to Thomas Braman of Norton, Jr., about seven acres, same bounds as in 1806 deed above. Wife, Sarah Richardson, quits her dower rights. Wit.: Thomas Braman, George Richardson. Recorded 1810. Neither the 1806 deed, nor this 1808 deed, give the town wherein the land is situated, but it was probably in Attleborough. (*Ibid.*, 91: 132.)

A full copy of the will of this Seth ⁵ Richardson and further data about him and his family will be found in the account of his son-in-law, Emerson Briggs.

His will, dated 27 Jan. 1824, was proved 18 Feb. 1824, in this instrument Seth calls himself of Attleborough, a yeoman, describes himself as "Being weak in body," and names his oldest son Seth Richardson, Jr., second son George Richardson, daughter Sarah Braman, second daughter Roxcy Parmater, third daughter Lydia Briggs, fourth daughter Anna Phillips, third son Silas Richardson, fifth daughter Phebe Hodges, fourth son Francis Richardson, son Ira Richardson, daughter Rhoda Richardson. These last he constituted residuary legatees. Appointed Ira to be the executor. He signed by mark, and the will was witnessed by: Noah Clafin, Jr., "turner pane," and Benj. W. Rounds. (*Bristol Probate*.)

Children born in Attleboro:

- i. SETH, JR.⁶, b. 27 Aug. 1778, res. Vassalborough, Me.
- ii. GEORGE, b. 13 Mar. 1780, res. Winslow, Me; m. POLLY WILSON.
- iii. SARAH, b. 27 Mar. 1782; m. THOMAS BRAMAN of Norton, Mass.
- iv. ROXY*, b. — Nov. 1784, res. China, Me.; m. JOSEPH PARMENTER.
- v. LYDIA, b. 31 Jan. 1787; m. EMERSON BRIGGS.

* Roxana.

- vi. ANNA (NANCY), b. 9 Apr. 1789, res. Winslow; m. MINOR PHILLIPS, had fourteen children.
- vii. SILAS, b. 2 Apr. 1791, res. Winslow; m. ——— DAGGETT.
- viii. PHEBE, b. 23 Feb. 1793, res. Me.; m. BARNUM HODGES.
- ix. RHODA, b. 2 July 1795, res. Norton; m. ELKANAH WHEELER.
- x. FRANCIS (FRENCH?), b. 10 Nov. 1797, res. Winslow; m. NANCY CROSSMAN.
- xi. IRA, b. 2 June 1801, res. Mansfield, Mass.; m. EVELINE FISHER.

